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LARGE DEFECTION OF CHINESE CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Ten CNAC, Two CATC Planes Leave Colony For Red China HIGH OFFICIALS DESERT

Biggest defection of Chinese civil aircraft to the new People's Republic of China occurred in Hong Kong yesterday.

Twelve aircraft—10 CNAC C-46 planes and two CATC aircraft including one of the company's new six luxurious Convoirs—left Kai Tak shortly after dawn for Communist held Shanghai and Peking.

Colonel C. Y. Liu, Managing Director of CNAC, and Mr. Chan Cheok-lam, Managing Director of CATC, were among those who left by the planes according to manifests filed with the airport authorities.

This mass defection has given the Communist-dominated People's Central Government nearly U.S.\$2,500,000 in planes, spare parts, radio equipment and other aircraft apparatus, local aviation circles estimated.

Two Ships Still Detained

Two British ships, ss. Tsinan and the ss. Wosang, have been refused permission to leave Chinese territorial waters until their cargoes are either dumped into the sea, or taken back to Shanghai and unloaded, it was reliably learned last night.

Negotiations to effect the release of the ships, detained under the guns of a Nationalist warship since last Saturday, are being carried out by the shipping companies.

RMS Alacrity, (Commander A.S. Barber) is still maintaining vigil over the ships from a position just outside the three mile territorial limit.

The British warship is maintaining surveillance over the detained ships, not to assist them to break the blockade, but to protect the lives and welfare of the British crews, and prevent the ships from being fired on or bombed.

Both ships, before the detention, had broken the blockade to Shanghai, unloaded their cargo, and were proceeding back to Hong Kong when the Nationalist warship fired warning shots across their bows and ordered them to stop.

A Royal Navy spokesman in Hong Kong last night issued his fourth "no comment" statement since the vessels were first detained.

Shipping companies said yesterday that they had made no alteration in their shipping schedules to North China ports, but added that they were waiting for the outcome of the ship detentions with great interest.

One shipping official said that the outcome would probably determine his company's future policy on scheduling ships to Shanghai.

EUROPEAN WOMAN KILLED IN MALAYA

Singapore, November 9. Malaya's Communist-led guerrillas killed the European wife of a tin miner with a burst of Sten gun fire in an ambush in Perak today.

She was the first European woman to be killed by terrorists in the 17 month-old "state of emergency"—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the tropical storm has moved inland into Indo-China and is now gradually weakening. A trough of low pressure extends Eastwards from it across the Southern Philippines to the Carolines. Another tropical depression appears to be developing in this trough S. of Palau. High pressure persists over China and S. spreading slowly Eastwards across Japan. The depression now centred off the S. coast of Honshu continues to move fairly rapidly Eastwards.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds, cloudy occasional drizzle.
Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 82.2 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 71.0 deg. Fah.
Rainfall: 1.5 inches.
Total since Jan. 1—1941.7 mm.—77.23 ins. as against an average of 208.42 mm.—8.20 ins.
Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Baro. at "M.S." 1016.7 1014.9 m.b.
Temp. 30.08 32.87 inches.
Rel. Humidity 69 90 %
Dew Point 69 71 deg. F.
Wind Direction 232 2 by 8
Wind Force 5 3 knots.
Tides—
High 12.05 12.05
Low 2.04 2.04
Sun 0832 1.6
Moon 1450 4.8

Flights Suspended

A senior official of CNAC, questioned by the "China Mail" last night on the defection would not comment.

Other passengers on the planes were senior and junior staff members of the two Chinese civil aviation companies. Kai Tak workers said the planes were loaded with personal luggage of the crews and passengers and a considerable amount of aircraft spare parts, radio equipment and other related apparatus.

The business managers of the two corporations announced yesterday, complete suspension of operations pending clarification of the situation. Flights were in fact suspended yesterday.

The 12 planes cleared ostensibly for scheduled flights to Taipei, Kuning, Luichow, and Chungking. Unconfirmed reports said that two CNAC planes defected on Tuesday while on flight from Hong Kong to Taipei. This was officially denied.

Mr. F. Y. Ho, local manager of CNAC, was questioned on the defection by the Special Branch of the Hong Kong police, it was learned last night.

Unconfirmed reports said that the defection followed a series of secret conferences between the two managing directors and representatives of the new Chinese regime.

Colonel Liu's participation in the defection surprised local aviation circles.

The defection leaves CNAC with 29 aircraft including five Skymasters in Hong Kong and a few smaller planes under repair at Taipei and Kuning. CATC now has 39 aircraft in Hong Kong including five of the original six Convoirs recently acquired.

CNAC which recently commemorated its 20th anniversary is the oldest and biggest Chinese civil aviation company. The Nationalist Government has an 80 per cent interest in it. Pan-American World Airways has a 15 per cent interest and private interests hold five per cent.

Formerly the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, with German interests holding the majority shares, CATC was reorganized at the end of the war as a private company. The Nationalist Government however has a considerable share in the company.

Piloted by Captain Gordon Poon, one of the best pilots under the CATC flag, the deserted Convoir left the local airport at 6.30 a.m. about two hours before its original time of departure.

Bribe Offered

A total of 11 employees of both airlines were reported to be on board the planes when it took off. Aside from the managing directors GATO and CNAC, one Cha Cheng-hui, former Assistant Manager of the CNAC Shanghai office and some pilots and ground crew also left by the plane.

Well informed sources said that Cha, who deserted to the Chinese Reds when Shanghai was "liberated," was sent here about a month ago by the Chinese Communists to urge the defection.

Earlier there were reports saying that the Chinese Communists were attempting to pay pilots U.S.\$2,500 for each plane flown to Red China.

All the departed planes were flown by Chinese pilots, Kuning, Chungking, Luichow, Haikow, Nanning and Taipei were given as the planes' destinations on the manifests. Five names of passengers were also given on the Convoir's manifest.

According to an eye witness at the airport to see the party leave, the pilots of the planes did not speak to anyone when they boarded the planes. Both managing directors were seen boarding the Convoir with part of their faces covered with handkerchiefs. Personal luggage and cargo was brought into the airfield by the airlines' buses.

Some CATC crew went to CATC's Kowloon office and demanded their pay, wishing to resign from the airlines. However, no money was handed out by the company.

According to one senior CATC official, all non-Chinese pilots of the airlines were notified that their service is no longer needed by the company. The airline plans to discharge non-Chinese pilots within two months' pay.

Other staffs of the airlines are waiting for further developments.

Official confirmation of the defection was made known to the staff of the CATC at about 2 p.m. yesterday when Mr. Lui Chung-sheng, action manager of CATC, told his subordinates that CATC is closing for business until further notice.

Fares Refunded

Instructions were given to CATC's business department to refund passengers who had made advanced bookings with the airlines.

Ground receptionists of both airlines were notified that due to a change of schedules they are not required to be at Kai Tak today.

All responsible officials of CNAC and CATC were absent from their office since early yesterday morning. Out at the airfield, ground crews of both airlines were idling beneath the wings of the aircraft.

Kai Tak was almost deserted, yesterday when the Chinese airlines cancelled their scheduled flights. Except for the regular airport workers and a few passengers for other airlines, no passengers for the Chinese airlines showed up at the airport.

On the Arrival Board, aside from the British, American and French aircraft, three CNAC aircraft were marked down from Kweiling, Luichow, Kuning and Taipei.

General Claire Chennault, head of the Civil Air Transport, meanwhile, has issued a statement, voicing regret over the defection.

Referring to his own airline, General Chennault said CATC would devote its entire equipment and personnel to the service of Free China and the rehabilitation of her harassed people.

BIG THREE MEET

Paris, November 9. The Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France met for 25 minutes today reviewing a wide range of subjects, an American official reported.

There were indications that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, raised the question of China and that the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, brought up the problem of French Indo-China. Mr. Bevin has been reported planning to tell the French and Americans Britain wants to recognize China's Communist Government.—Associated Press.

Victory For Quirino Seen In Philippines

Manila, November 9.

President Elpidio Quirino seemed assured of the presidency today in the bloodiest election in the history of the Philippines.

With 35 per cent of the ballots counted, Mr. Quirino had 531,642 votes and the Nacionalista candidate, Mr. Jose Laurel, puppet president during the Japanese occupation, 502,432.

Trailing far behind was Mr. Jose Avelino with 160,179 votes.

The election death toll reached 33 today with the assassination of Mayor Roman Perez of Batangas, Mr. Laurel's home province, by two unidentified men who shot him in front of his home. Mr. Perez had supported Mr. Quirino and the president visited him in hospital before he died.

Mr. Quirino's Liberal Party was still predicting he would win with a plurality of 600,000. Altogether nearly 4,000,000 votes were cast in the election yesterday.—United Press.

Reds In Canton Asked To Send Trains To Colony

An official of the Kowloon-Canton Railway said yesterday that the Communist regime in Canton had been invited to send trains through to Kowloon any time they wished. He added, however, that the officials in Canton had so far given no indication that they were prepared to resume normal railway traffic.

The official said "On the other hand, the Canton officials have told us that if we undertake to send rolling stock into Canton, without their permission our trains would be taken over by the Communists."

Passenger traffic between Canton and Kowloon, with the transfer on foot between Shumshan and Lo Wu, is continuing at the rate of 4,000 passengers a day.

Normal rate before Canton fell was 6,000 passengers a day. An authoritative source said in Hong Kong yesterday that it was probable that shipment of goods across the New Territories border would occur long before passenger traffic was resumed.

Need Goods

He added: "In view of the Communist statement that they would accept only de jure recognition of their government, it is quite possible that their officials in Peking have decided to withhold resumption of railway traffic in order to encourage the British Government to grant full recognition sooner than they otherwise would."

"However, it is the general opinion that the Canton officials cannot continue indefinitely to decline to restore normal traffic."

"Many businesses in Canton need Hong Kong goods, and if they don't get them soon, it is likely to cause unrest in Canton."

A Canton report said yesterday that the British-Communist railway negotiations had reached a deadlock because the British side would not agree to give the Communists all the rolling stock formerly owned by the Nationalists, and that the British interests refused to allow the new regime to take over the Kowloon Railway Chinese Maritime Customs station.

KCR Statement

The General Manager of the Kowloon-Canton railway, Mr. I. B. Trevor said yesterday that the Communists had more than enough Nationalist rolling stock to carry on with national requirements on their side of the border.

He added: "As far as the Chinese Maritime Customs is concerned, they are already operating in Shumshan under the Communists."

"However, if the report means that the Maritime Customs is not able to operate at the Kowloon end of the railway, that, at present, is the case."

"I doubt that such an inconvenience is a serious consideration in the resumption of traffic."

Mr. Trevor said that he had gone to Canton and informed the authorities there that any rolling stock they wished to send over the border would be accepted, and that it was entirely up to the new government to decide whether traffic would be resumed.

"Fair Deal" Scores Win In America

New York, November 9.

President Truman's "Fair Deal" scored a major triumph yesterday as heavy Democratic majorities elected former Governor Herbert H. Lehman into the Senate for New York State and re-elected New York's Irish-born Mayor, Mr. William O'Dwyer.

Mr. Lehman's victory was regarded as indicative of the 1950 Congressional elections and also as a possible deterrent to Governor Dewey's running for a third term as Governor next year.

Senator John Foster Dulles, Mr. Lehman's Republican opponent, was Mr. Dewey's candidate.

Still incomplete at midnight (New York Time) figures gave Mr. Lehman 2,276,207 votes and Senator Dulles 1,938,795 votes from 7,983 of New York State's 8,555 electoral districts.

In the Mayoralty campaign the counting was complete by midnight and resulted as follows: Mr. O'Dwyer, 1,254,000 votes; Mr. Newbold Morris (Republican-Liberal fusion) 956,170 votes; Representative Vito Marcantonio (American Labour Party) 356,423 votes.—Reuter.

TWO QUAKES NEAR PHILIPPINES

Manila, November 9. The seismograph at the Philippines Weather Bureau reported two quakes in the North and South of the archipelago. Hagun, Isabela, in Northern Luzon, shook at 4.45 p.m. yesterday, Manila time, for two seconds. On Mindanao Islands at Pinatuban, Surigao, there was a seven-second shake at 9.45 a.m. yesterday.—Associated Press.

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CHINESE WAR SITUATION DETERIORATES

Chungking, November 9.

The war situation turned from bad to worse as the Nationalists recoiled before Red attacks toward Chungking and Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow, just 20 miles South.

The Defence Ministry admitted the Reds who had invaded Szechwan from Hunan, were now close to Lungtan, 150 miles East of Chungking.

In Kweichow, the Reds also scored gains. The Defence Minister conceded they had captured Chenyuan, 115 miles East of Kweiyang, and had thrust still closer to the provincial capital. The Reds swept to Chenyuan and beyond after occupying Sansui, 10 miles South East, where this highway meets the branch road snaking South Eastwards.

From Chenyuan, the Reds headed for Chenchungwan, an important mountain pass through which the highway to Kweiyang runs.

Adding to this official catalogue of defeat were reports, as yet unconfirmed, of a revolt by two divisions of forces under General Sun Hsi-lien who commands the Nationalists in the Szechwan-Hubei border area. Official sources refused to confirm these reports, which, nevertheless, were widespread and gained much credence. One official, however, ventured to suggest the divisions involved might not have been regulars but simply locally recruited militia; though he hastened to add that this was only his own personal speculation.

With the grave news from the battle fronts uneasiness in Chungking increased. "Already many people were measuring its retention as the Nationalist capital in weeks."

Nationalist leaders continued to talk fight and profess their ability to cope with the situation, but no one was convinced.

The value of the Government's silver notes witnessed a sharp slump. The rate today was about four silver dollars in notes to one United States dollar. It was around three only a few days ago.

The Defence Ministry announced that Kweichow had been included in the defence command of General Pai Chung-hsi, head of the Nationalist forces in Central China. At the same time, General Kuo Ching-lun, Governor of Kweichow, ordered the conscription of one regiment of men in every county of Kweichow and set November 21, as the deadline. Only persons from 18 through 28 were affected.

The Defence Ministry admitted the Reds had reached the suburbs of Wuchow, riverport gateway to Kwanhsi, 130 miles West of Canton and 500 miles South East of Chungking. It alleged the Communist 10th, 11th and 12th armies were regrouping North of Luchow Peninsula presumably for an attempt to clear it of Nationalist troops.—Associated Press.

Dismissal Of Engineer Demanded

The demand for the dismissal of Mr. B. W. Simmons, an engineer of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, for an alleged assault on a Chinese worker, was presented to Mr. J. S. Pugh, manager of the Company, by delegates of the Telephone Workers Union yesterday.

This action was taken to implement a resolution passed by a mass meeting of the workers held on Tuesday night to decide on what measure should be taken to exact satisfaction for the alleged assault.

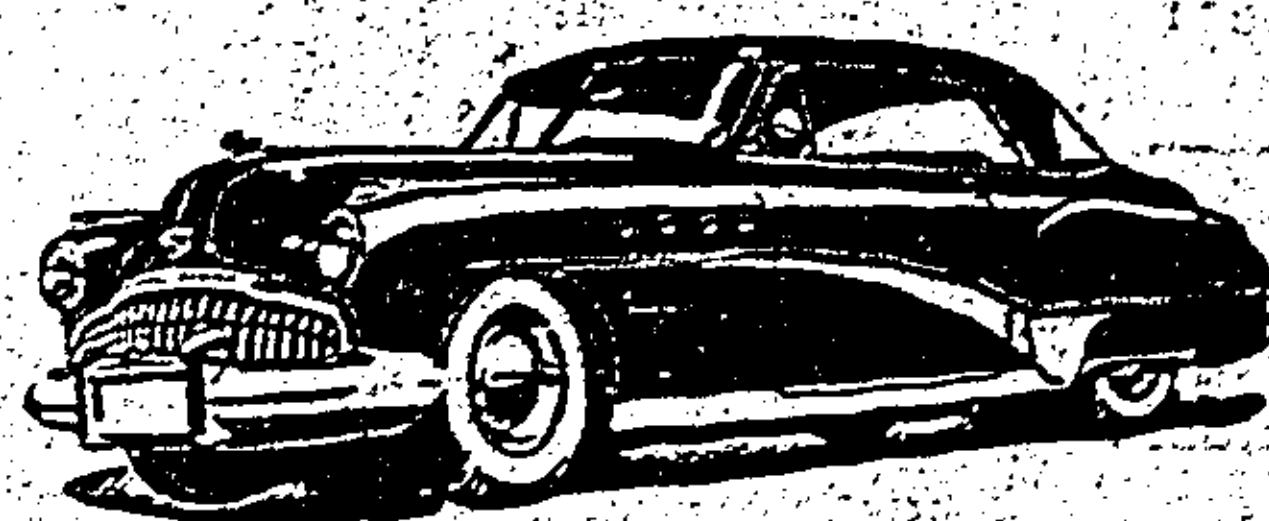
Mr. Simmons was alleged to have suspended a Chinese worker on Saturday afternoon from duty, and to have slapped him in the face when he explained that he was in the lavatory.

The delegates were informed by Mr. Pugh that the matter would be considered and they were asked to "come back again" at noon today for discussions for a settlement.

When the workers' delegates told Mr. Pugh on Tuesday that the workers would insist on their demand being met, Mr. Pugh was said to have informed the men that the matter would be placed before a meeting of the Board for further consideration.

In the meantime the workers are organising a committee to back up their demand.

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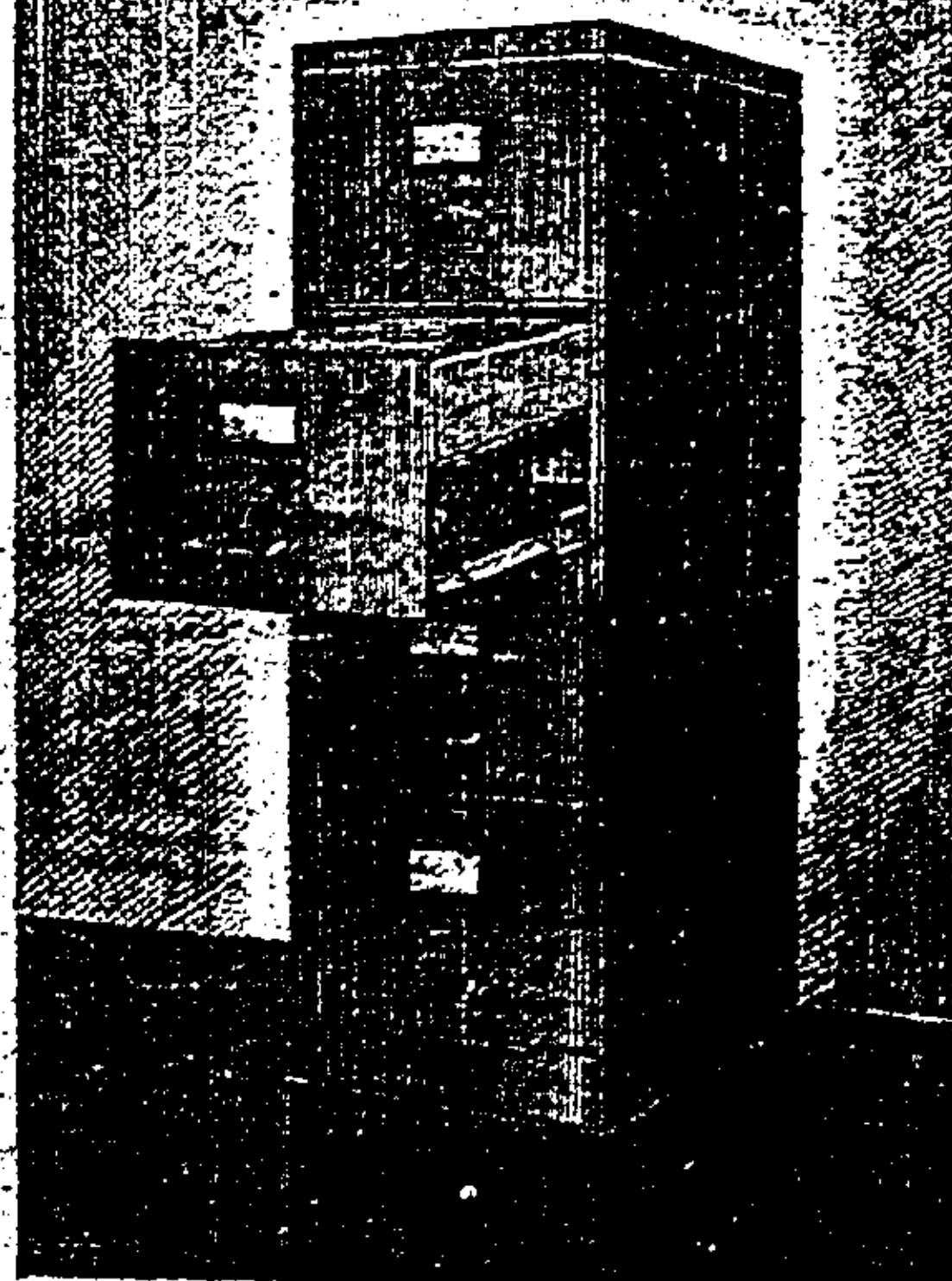
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REMARKS BY CHIEF JUSTICE IN JUDGMENT

"When witnesses virtually have to admit that they have told an untrue story on oath, and only then do they come forward with an entirely different story, it is almost unthinkable that the magistrate should regard the second story as sufficient to convince him beyond reasonable doubt."

So said Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, at the Appeal Court yesterday in the course of a verbal judgment quashing a conviction for alleged assault and possession of a revolver involving a New Territories farmer.

The latter, Lau Chi-ping, alias Lau Shek-kau, aged 22, of Sha Po Keng Village, had been sentenced to three years' hard labour on August 5 by Mr. E.B. Teesdale at the Tai Po District Court for the alleged offences.

Mr. A. Hooton was for the Crown. Mr. J.C. Clifford, instructed by Mr. J.C. Stewart, appeared on behalf of the appellant.

The ground of the appeal was that the verdict of the Magistrate was against the weight of evidence.

Mr. Clifford in the course of his address to the Court referred to what he termed certain inconsistencies in evidence given by prosecution witnesses. This was a most unsatisfactory state of affairs, he said.

Submitting that the appellant, who was then not defended legally, did not get a fair trial, counsel contended that the duty of a judge is to see that a prisoner is convicted only on the proper evidence before him, and not on evidence by witnesses giving contradictory statements which, nevertheless, tended to incriminate him.

Convictions Cannot Stand

After Mr. Hooton had replied to Mr. Clifford's submissions, Sir Leslie in giving his decision declared in part:

"In this case, the appellant was convicted by witnesses on two charges. The first charge was a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and the second charge was a charge of possession of a revolver without a licence.

"The evidence in the case called for the prosecution is that of complainant himself who, in the story he ultimately put forward, alleged that he was assaulted by the appellant and that the appellant used a revolver in that assault."

"Some direct confirmation of that story was contained in the evidence of one Lau Kam-lai, a shop-keeper, who gave certain eyewitness evidence as regards these events."

"I am of the opinion the two convictions cannot stand on the evidence of these two witnesses alone for reasons which I will give now."

"In both cases, the witnesses in the first place gave evidence which did not allege the use of a revolver in the assault. After they had given that evidence, the prosecution obtained permission from the magistrate to treat them as hostile. Mr. Clifford for the appellant, has conceded that the magistrate had that discretion and that he does not now challenge the magistrate's exercise of that discretion."

"After the two witnesses were allowed to be treated as hostile, they were confronted by the prosecution with statements they had apparently made to the police in which they did allege that a revolver was used, and they then said that the story told in those statements was true."

Extremely Rash

"I am of the opinion that the second story put forward by both witnesses was admissible in evidence but, quite manifestly, when witnesses virtually have to admit that they have told an untrue story on oath and only then—when confronted with different statements do they come forward

with an entirely different story, it is almost unthinkable that the magistrate should regard the second story as sufficient to convince him beyond reasonable doubt."

"When it comes, therefore, to the weight to be attached to the second story, I am with Mr. Clifford in saying that it would be extremely rash, though not impossible, for any real weight to be attached to the second story in such circumstances. If real weight was to be so attached, one would expect the Court to test the second story by very close questioning indeed before accepting it."

"I turn next to the question of whether there was any evidence admissible outside the evidence of those two witnesses. Evidence was wrongly given that the accused had been arrested for some other offence. Had he been tried before a jury, the fact that that evidence was given might have caused grave prejudice which would have been very hard for the judge to remove."

"But the mere fact of the giving of that evidence, in a case where the accused was not tried by a jury but by a stipendiary magistrate, does not necessarily invalidate a conviction. I think the position is different, and I should be prepared to accept the statement of the magistrate that he did not allow himself to be prejudiced by that evidence."

"Apart from that, there was certain evidence of an enquiry before the elders of the village and I think that the evidence was rightly admitted, although the magistrate did not give the correct grounds for its admissibility."

Appeal Allowed

"The last piece of evidence which supports the charge of assault to some extent, though not necessarily the charge of possession of a revolver, is that the complainant did have some bruises."

"I am of the opinion that this confirmatory evidence could not reasonably be regarded by the learned magistrate, taken with the evidence of the witnesses to which I have referred, to be sufficient to convince him beyond reasonable doubt of the guilt of the accused on either of the charges."

"I accordingly allow the appeal and set aside the conviction and sentences, and discharge the appellant."

COOLIE GETS FOUR WEEKS

Brought before Mr. P. X. d'Almada on a charge of larceny by finding, Man Kwong, coolie, was sentenced to four weeks of hard labour at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecution said that on Monday a woman passenger, Li Ho, had her inside jacket pocket cut and \$600 in notes were stolen from her while crossing on board a Yuenfai ferry to Kowloon. Defendant was arrested and two \$100 notes were found on him.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Dr. T. C. Gentry, Messrs. J.B. Plank, A. Jensen, R.V. Winquist, R. Conlon, R. Aillery, F.W. O'Brien, J.E. Huntington, S.S. Marr, A.G. Ross, H.S. Walker, C.E. Foss, P.E. Derby, and R. Dougan.



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Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Radio Hong Kong

Sir, Having perused, with a slight feeling of nausea, your letter from "Electric Fan", I feel that some further comment is in order. Of course, it is customary nowadays, to criticise anything which does not quite fit into one's personal Utopia, but this custom does not infer a right to do so unless one can put forward a solution acceptable not only to oneself but to the majority—for after all, the radio is a public service.

"Electric Fan", who brands himself by his diatribe as the very opposite of eclectic, which my limited education tells me means "of catholic tastes", has apparently never heard of the Sunday symphony concert, the weekly concert, the weekly opera, the weekly chamber music, the weekly vocal recital, the weekly symphony, all administered by the Radio Corporation of Hong Kong, in excellent taste.

Or does his eclectic fanaticism (to expand the abbreviation correctly) stretch only over the realm ranging from the lower Tchaikovsky to the upper Waldteufel? Really, Mr. E.F. (or is it "Kiss"?), what is your taste? It evidently doesn't include the Twelve Note School or even the more transcendental chamber music of Beethoven, for they rarely appear on Yvonne Charter's list of requests. Yet from your letter one would imagine that nothing could be too far upstage for your delicate tastes.

I must confess, Sir, that I am in agreement with a few of your correspondent's remarks. Such as that concerning the lack of organ music (by the way is there no more important organ composer to mention alongside Bach than Rheinberger and his unimpaired virtuosity sonatas?) I agree about the football results, but only because I am not very interested in football. His insult to the Observer is best left to the Observer.

Mandarin is a language heard little in Hong Kong. It may be the language of statesmen and of classical Chinese literature, but how many years will it take for our poor ignoramuses to learn the written and spoken language sufficiently to understand diplomatic speeches and classical literature at the rate of one half-hour lecture per week? Furthermore, how many people listen given to Cantonese by radio?

Certainly I agree that far too many programmes consist of musical "hot" potpies drawn from every combination from the Boston Pops Orchestra to Freddie Merfield and his Garbage Men, and I would add a plea for better informed scripts to these programmes. (The work of Ben Gibbons is excellent, and Mrs. Brown's notes for the Sunday Symphony Concert are a worthy example of what can be done but in between is a ghastly hiatus) and the keeping of each type of music, e.g. "classical", Strauss, a la Albert Sandler, dance music, swing, bebop and jazz into programmes of their own so that one needs to listen 20 minutes of what is to him excruciating agony before he gets his beloved Rasmusovsky Quartet, his Fieldmans, his Oo Pop Sue Bam or his Panama.

Incidentally, Mr. E. F., are you aware that the late Thomas Edward Walker possessed a musical degree and was one of the finest organists in his State, besides being one of the few organists who have been asked to play in Notre Dame in Paris? Just because, after a classical education, he still chose to express himself in an art form of which you obviously know nothing, is no reason for insulting his memory by placing him in the same category as Sandy Macpherson who, by the way, has done a good job for a large public. Please allow me to correct you on your idea of what comprises Tin Pan Alley. The term refers to the publishers of dance music and to nothing and no one else.

It means nothing to do with swing, bebop or jazz. If you do not know the difference between these three items or between these and dance music, ask any teen-ager. After all they do form the greater part of the listening public. I mean listening, not merely turning on at six and turning off at eleven and twenty listening.

Finally, Sir, could I ask your correspondent to pick a more suitable pseudonym? If he must use one, my own suggestion is that, with as much aim to get off his chest, he should have called himself "Electric Fan".

GABRIEL BAXBY

HEAVY SEAS DAMAGE SHIP

Heavy seas damaged the bow doors of the RASC "V. Maxwell Brander", which arrived here from Singapore yesterday with military stores and equipment for the local garrison.

The 4,255-ton vessel, commanded by Mr. J. R. McLaren, left the Straits on October 22 with 300 tons of cargo for the Colony.

She encountered heavy seas en route and the bow doors were damaged. The cargo was shifted to the lower decks and the ship was damaged.

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Widow Figures In Supreme Court Action

A Chinese widow who was alleged by a friend to have signed a Chinese borrowing note with her son for the loan of \$77,650, but who denies this in her defence, figured in an action at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The action is for recovery of \$70,000, in addition to \$7,650 as 18 months' interest due under the borrowing note in question. Plaintiff also claims further interest at the rate of \$6 for each thousand, per month, until judgment.

Tsang Fook-lam, merchant, of 29 Yuk Sau Street, first floor, who is the plaintiff, is represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, KC, instructed by Wilkinson and Grist.

Defendant, Wong Chang-shi, widow, of 73B Woonmeichong Road, second floor, is represented by Mr. G. Sheldon, KC, and Mr. John McNeill, both on the instructions of Deacons.

Mr. Justice Williams, senior Puisne Judge, is trying the case. The statement of claim states that the borrowing took place on June 28, 1947.

In her statement of defence, the defendant denies she is indebted to plaintiff in the sum concerned. On March 9, this year, she inspected the Chinese borrowing note at the office of Wilkinson and Grist and discovered that the signature "Wong Chang-shi" in Chinese on the note was not in her handwriting. She claims she never put such signature to the note, nor did she authorize any one to do so. She had never borrowed any money from plaintiff at any time.

Defendant's son, who had also been named as a defendant, did not enter an appearance. It was therefore adjudged that plaintiff recover against second defendant the sum of \$77,650 together with \$420 being interest from December 27, 1943, to January 23, 1949, and costs to be taxed.

Exchange Member

Mr. d'Almada told the Court that plaintiff was the sole proprietor of a Hong Kong firm, as well as member of the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange. He had known the defendant and her son for many years. From time to time, plaintiff lent small sums of money to them, which were duly repaid.

On June 28, 1947, counsel continued, plaintiff and the defendant's son met at the Paramount Ballroom. There the latter approached him with the idea of entering into some business with himself, which required \$100,000. Plaintiff did not agree with this, but offered to lend the son \$70,000 instead, with some requirements of security.

The next day, plaintiff called upon defendant's son at the latter's office, where the transaction was finalised, one of the terms being that the house at which defendant and her son lived would be put up as security. An arrangement was also arrived at whereby the \$70,000 would be handed over to the defendant's house where the borrowing note would be executed by both the mother and son.

Mr. d'Almada went on to say that the plaintiff accordingly went to the house the same afternoon. The \$70,000 was given by him to the defendant. Her son signed the note first. The defendant, who said she could not write with a fountain pen but with a Chinese brush then took the note to another room. She returned presently with her signature on the note, it is alleged.

Eventually defendant's son left for the United States. On a few occasions after this, plaintiff phoned her asking for the payment of interest on the note. Defendant replied that her income from her property was sufficient only for her living expenses, and that she could not pay. She also mentioned that her son would look after this when he returned from the States.

About a year later, counsel continued, plaintiff met one Wong Man-keung, who informed him that two years previously he had also lent \$70,000 to a son, \$40,000 and \$30,000 at different times. The second loan was secured by the same house in which plaintiff's security was placed—73B Woonmeichong Road.

On learning this, Wong Man-keung subsequently rang up the defendant and inquired about the \$150,000. Defendant replied that the money was still in the house. Wong and the plaintiff later went to the defendant's place personally, and were told by her that her son had absconded with all the money. Plaintiff it is alleged, without any hint of denial of liability on her part, advised the two to wait until her son returned.

Evidence as to his own behalf was then given by plaintiff, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon. Plaintiff denied an engagement from counsel that his story of the interview in June 26, 1947, of the defendant's son was a complete invention on his part. Mr. Sheldon then put it to plaintiff that he lent the \$70,000 to the defendant's son and was never repaid. Plaintiff denied this, and said that she had lent the money to the defendant's son and was never repaid.

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Committal Proceedings Started

Committal proceedings against six men charged with possession of arms and committing armed robberies on July 23 and August 3

SUBSIDIES FOR PORTUGUESE IN SHANGHAI

One thousand two hundred Portuguese nationals in Shanghai, stripped of their means of livelihood by the Communist occupation and the Nationalist blockade, will continue to be maintained by monthly subsidies from Lisbon until the question of their re-settlement in Africa has been thoroughly investigated.

Dr. E. Brazao, Portuguese Consul-General in Hong Kong, telling the "China Mail" this yesterday, said the Shanghai Portuguese have not been forgotten, but the issue of their re-settlement involved tremendous social, moral and vocational problems—all of which required time to resolve.

The Consul-General expressed deep concern over the welfare of the Northern Portuguese, indicating his realization that their problem of survival represented the projection into present-day reality of an issue which has lain dormant for decades in the Far East—the ultimate future of thousands of people who belong by birth to the Far East but whose names, cultural affinities, educational and living standards linked them up with Europe and the West.

Dr. Brazao described the situation confronting the Shanghai Portuguese as compelling serious attention. Despite reports from the stricken port that economic tension was lessening due to the traffic of occasional commerce through Tientsin, the Consul-General said what worried him was the absence of any form of security for the Portuguese there, decreasing opportunities for growing young men and women, and the painful picture of hopelessness which might confront Portuguese youth when the trend towards nationalism shall have completed the orientalising of all fields of endeavour.

Dr. Brazao described the situation of the Northern Portuguese as the ability of the Northern Portuguese to adjust themselves to an essentially Chinese way of life. If their links with the West, their religion and their language should prove alien to the atmosphere which would eventually engulf the whole of China, there would be no room for them. He thought there was already no room for many of them now. How would it be with their children?

Conflict Of Emotions

The Consul-General said he realised that the Portuguese of the Far East were brought up to conform to a pattern mostly dictated by Anglo-American commercial interests. Portuguese in name, most of them spoke English as their mother tongue, knew a great deal about the geography of the British Isles, for instance, and almost nothing about Portugal.

Deploping this as mainly responsible for the conflict of emotions taking place now, Dr. Brazao was nevertheless unwilling to blame the progenitors of the race for their lack of foresight.

But he emphasised that if the older generation Portuguese, in their complacent but fundamentally wrong acceptance of the Asiatic status quo made no allowances for change, the younger generation should reconcile themselves to realities at once.

How could one talk of resettlement, he explained, if the site for resettlement was a Portuguese colony in Africa and the people to be brought there spoke no word of Portuguese? Command of the language, a well-defined loyalty towards Portugal, ability to earn forever the cost of treaty port life for one of comparative hardship in a thoroughly Portuguese (as opposed to British) atmosphere, were vital prerequisites, he said.

The whole world of Asia was in a state of toss and turmoil. The lazy, placid, solid age of one's father, or one's father's father did not foresee the change and made no provisions to meet it.

Will Help

Projected into a period of chaos and rebirth the Portuguese of Shanghai suddenly found themselves totally lacking suitable equipment with which to meet the challenge. What was going to happen to them? Did China want them? Could they fight alone? Would Portugal, once merely recognisable in the vague distance, come forward in this crisis and help?

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Dr. Brazao said Portugal has helped, and will help a great deal more. Resettlement was not out of the picture, but procrastination was inevitable in view of the vast social upheaval involved. The uprooting of a few thousand people from the land of their birth, the land to which they were most closely identified, simply to deposit them in territory where the climate alone would cripple many, was not a task any government would undertake lightly.

But the Colonial Official in Lisbon, the best of his knowledge, stood firmly behind the Shanghai Portuguese in their struggle to find their place in the world, and would contribute to make the search successful.

Dr. Brazao said a solution would ultimately be found, and cited the lesson of the ebb and flow of tides to support his opinion that all rivers, however diminutive, inevitably encountered the sea.

HKDF Orders

Orders by Colonel L.T. Mc, CBE, ED, Commandant, Hong Kong Defence Force, dated November 9, 1949 follow:

Hong Kong Regiment—Camp instructions: (a) The first camp period is from November 11 to 12, 1949 and will be held at Sai Kung. (b) All personnel attending camp for this period, whether they come from the Regiment, the Intelligence Unit or the Home Guard, will comply with the following instructions: (1) Parade, November 11, 1949. (2) Parade, Personnel living Hong Kong side at Queen's Pier 10 a.m. Report to CSM Brett. Personnel living Kowloon side at the Railway (Water Police) Pier 10.15 a.m. Report to RSM Ellis. (3) Dress, 1940 (dark blue, striped on white).

(4) Strangers, Volunteers who are unable to parade as above will RV outside Star Ferry, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m. where transport will be available to carry them to Sai Kung. (5) Private Cars, Personnel wishing to move in their own cars may do so. They must however inform the RSM by 12.00 p.m. November 10, 1949 of their intention to do so. The attention of all such personnel is directed to sub-para. 10 below. (6) Volunteers moving in private cars will report to the CSM by 12.00 p.m. or if they are "strangers" (see sub-para. 3 above) by 1.00 p.m. (7) Week-end Attendance, Personnel attending for the first week-end will parade outside Star Ferry, Kowloon, 10.15 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 1949, where they will be met by transport to take them to Sai Kung. Administration. (8) Equipment and Clothing, All equipment and clothing as issued will be taken to camp. Clothing not catered for in PKO, order of dress, will be carried in kit bags. Kit bags should be clearly labelled with Number, Rank, Name and Unit or sub-unit. (9) Arms, The ASM will be responsible for the move of all arms, both personnel and platoon weapons, to camp.

(10) Anti-Malaria Precautions, All Banks or removers about the malaria precautions in force in the New Territories. Details have already been published in Force Order No. 224/48. (11) Bedding, All bedding blankets and sheets will be provided. This also includes mosquito nets. (12) Traffic Control, "Hwan's Highway" the road to Sai Kung from Customs Pass Road is a controlled area. The following time table is in force: From Sai Kung 6.45 a.m. to 6.00 a.m. 7.00 a.m. to 7.15 a.m. 8.15 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. 10.45 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. 12.00 noon to 12.15 p.m. 1.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. 3.45 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. 5.00 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. 6.15 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. From Customs Pass Junction 1.45 a.m. to 6.45 a.m. 7.45 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. 8.00 a.m. to 8.15 a.m. 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. 11.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. 12.45 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 3.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. 4.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. 5.45 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 7.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. These timings will be strictly adhered to. Note. Any Volunteer attending this camp and who is not clear about any detail or order as issued should contact the Adjutant, Hong Kong Regiment before Friday, November 11, 1949.

(Sd.) B. G. FUCH, Major, for Maj. Col. Senior Staff Officer, HKDF.

JUNK MASTER PLEADS GUILTY

Pleading guilty through his counsel, Alfred Y. Ho, to four charges of violating marine regulations, Mak In-chi, master of the junk, "Jui An," was fined a total of \$1,125 by Mr. James Wicks, at Kowloon yesterday. He was charged with carrying excess passengers, permitting an unseaworthy craft to sail, having no certified engineer while underway, and failing to proceed to a quarantine station.

CASE ADJOURNED

The case of Wu Ho-ling, who was summoned before the Justices of the Peace Court at Central yesterday for allegedly managing an unlawful school and with employing an unregistered teacher, was adjourned for a week as defendant is in Canton. Luk Hon was summoned for teaching whilst not on the register of teachers and for teaching in an unlawful school.

A representative of Luk pleaded guilty but the magistrate adjourned the case for a week for defendant to attend court.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y. Men's Club, luncheon, talk on "Things Philippines and the Cultural Relationship with other Countries" by Prof. L. T. Garcia, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Barstormers Variety Show (for members and Servicemen) European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Stage Club casting meeting for "Mr. Pratt's Waterloo," at PRO, lecture room, 8.30 p.m.
Piano Concert by Miss Lois Woo, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 9 p.m.
RAF Dramatic Society presents "While the Sun Shines" at Kai Tak.
HK United Church, Ladies Guild Meeting Union Church hall, Kennedy Road, 3 p.m.
British Council documentary film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
HK Women's International Club, Dance for Services, Gloucester Building, 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.
Work Party, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.
Special Services Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Kowloon Gramophone Society classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
Opening of new ferry service, at Tomchoy Road Pier, Wan-chai, 10 a.m.
Boy Scouts Association, laying of commemorative stone by Mr. A. Morse, at new Headquarters, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

Classical Concert, Toc F, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party, members' assembly at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group, talk on "Christianity and Communism" by the Rev. Mr. Percy Smith, 8.30 p.m.

Drunken Driver Sentenced

A fine of \$500 was imposed on Chui Pui-kwong, of 55 Cheungshawan Road, by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, at Kowloon yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor.

Defendant, who together with two others was sent to Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition on the morning of November 4, drove his car into a tree on Jordan Road, near Nathan Road, injuring all the occupants.

He was found to have been drinking before he started his car. The Court also ordered the suspension of his driver's license for three months.

No Relaxation Of PI Visa Regulations

Requests from many Far Eastern nationals to settle in the Philippines have been flooding the Philippine Consulate-General in Hong Kong. However, the procedure for obtaining visas has neither been relaxed nor made more difficult.

This was revealed yesterday by an official of the Consulate in an interview with the "China Mail."

The official denied that the recent increase of P.I. Consulate staff in Hong Kong was dictated by a desire to carry out strenuous "screening" of intending Chinese immigrants, in order to eliminate Communist infiltration.

Expressing surprise over reports that the Consulate was taking special measures to "screen" Chinese applicants for visas, the official said that entry into the Philippines of all Far Eastern and Western nationals was governed by the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940.

He said the statutes of the Act have not been altered, nor the procedure of entry adjusted to meet the growing desire among Chinese nationals to seek a haven in the Philippines in view of the unrest in China.

There was no provision in Philippine law, said the official, for unrestricted entry of Chinese, as, for instance, in the case of Hong Kong.

Yearly Quota

Chinese as well as all other foreigners must adhere to a yearly quota of 500 immigrants and the personal status of the Hong Kong Consulate was enough at all times to handle the "screening" of the colony's allocation.

The official knew nothing of reports from Manila that many Nationalist leaders had applied to the Foreign Office for grant of the status of political refugees. Cases of this kind are usually determined on the basis of individual merit, he added.

The Government of the Philippines was careful at all times to prevent the entry of undesirable persons, and changes in the 1940 Act denied the right of immigration

Application For Eviction Made

An application for eviction was brought before Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tenancy Magistrate, yesterday by Fred Ellis, merchant, at present in Los Angeles, California, against Mr. and Mrs. Atrashenko and other occupiers of 6 Bowen Road, ground floor.

One of the grounds of application is that the opponents, tenants of the premises of which the applicant is the owner, create a nuisance by using foul language in Russian, keeping a ferocious dog, and permitting the kitchen to be kept in an unsanitary condition.

The applicant, whose wife appeared on his behalf in his absence, is represented by Mr. E. A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong. Mr. D. A. L. Wright is representing the opponents on the instructions of Mr. A. S. C. Comber. The grounds of application are that applicant is the owner of the house, and the opponents are statutory tenants. Since March 1946, the opponents, it is alleged, gave or sublet the premises to other occupiers.

The opponents held a statutory tenancy of domestic premises in a residential area. An implied term of the tenancy was that the premises would not be used for business purposes.

The applicant claims that the house was however used for the purpose of a tailoring and dress-making establishment. The business was carried on by employees on the open verandah of the premises.

The opponents, it is further alleged, have been guilty of a conduct which is a nuisance to the applicant and other tenants of the adjacent premises. Besides the tailoring business being carried on, foul language in Russian is used. They also keep a ferocious dog, and also permit the kitchen of the house to be kept in an unsanitary condition.

Failure To Stop

The opponents have been requested to put a stop to such nuisances, it is claimed, but they have failed to do so.

In their defence, the opponents deny the applicant is within the jurisdiction of the Tenancy Tribunal. There is also no implied term of tenancy that the premises should not be used as business premises.

The Atrashenkos state that they will put the applicant to strict proof of the allegations as to the tailoring and dress-making affair. The misconduct allegations are all denied.

Mrs. Ellis, applicant's wife, who resides at the premises, then gave evidence.

Cross-examining Mr. Wright referred to photographs exhibited by the applicant depicting the alleged state of affairs as laid down in the grounds of application, and particularly to the showing of some refuse.

Counsel asked Mrs. Ellis if she knew whether the rubbish as shown was taken by the op-

Armathia Still Detained

The Greek steamer Armathia is still in Nationalist custody off Shanghai waters, while negotiations for her release are under way in Chungking and Taipei.

It was learned last evening from the Greek Consulate in the Colony that no reply has been received from the Nationalist representatives here regarding the release of the vessel.

The Armathia was detained off Kaitun Lights when she attempted to reach Shanghai on a normal trading trip.

The Shanghai agents informed the Greek Consulate there, who in turn cabled to Hong Kong advising the local authorities concerned to arrange for the release of the freighter.

ponents from the cellar of the house regularly to be deposited temporarily at a place where the Public Works Department authorities would dispose of it each day. Witness agreed to this.

Mr. Wright asked Mrs. Ellis as to why then she did not give them time to dispose of the refuse, instead of rushing off and getting a photographer to take a photo. Witness admitted that she had done so she would not have had an opportunity of exhibiting such photos to the Tribunal for her case.

Further questioned, Mrs. Ellis denied that on an occasion when she faced Mr. Atrashenko, who had appeared angry, she screamed at him words to the effect that she would fix him up and would have him sent to Siberia.

Hearing will continue today.



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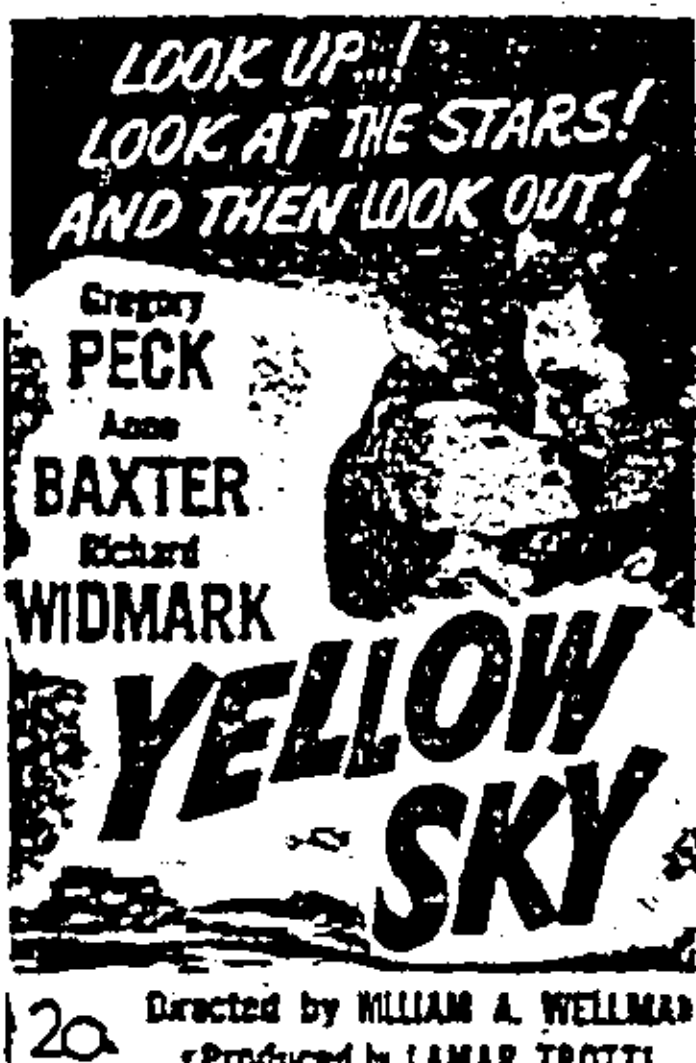
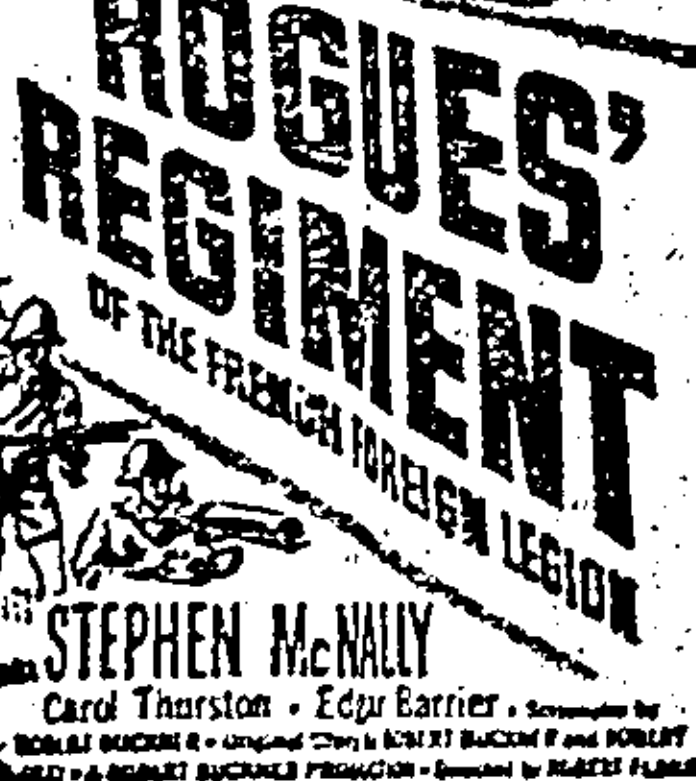
FISH PRICES

Fresh fish average prices, quoted at the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market, Kennedy Town, yesterday follow:

Type of Fish	Price a catty	Price a catty
Yellow Croaker	\$1.15	\$1.25
Snapper	1.00	2.50
White Pomfrit (large)	1.00	2.75
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London, November 8.

**Critic's
Battle With
MGM**

London, November 8.
After a nine days' hearing the House of Lords today reserved judgment on the British woman film critic, E. Arnot Robertson's, appeal in a two-year legal battle with Metro-Goldwyn Mayer.

This was the third stage in the long litigation process. In July, 1947, Miss Robertson was awarded £1,500 costs against the film company for damages for libel and slander in a letter which she held and which alleged that she was an incompetent film critic.

The letter was sent by M.G.M. to the British Broadcasting Corporation after a broadcast which she made about the film "The Green Years".

In July, 1948, the Court of Appeal allowed M.G.M.'s appeal against the judgment.

To carry the case to the House of Lords, Miss Robertson mortgaged her house and received financial support from literary, journalistic and other sympathisers, some in the United States.

—Reuter.

The British film crisis took a surprise turn tonight when the United Artists Corporation of America announced that it had made a \$2,800,000 deal with a new British company to sponsor independent film production in this country.

The deal announced tonight involves seven major pictures to be delivered during the next two and a half to three years to United Artists at an estimated production cost of \$2,800,000.

Commenting on the deal tonight, Mr. Raymond Stress, who is associated with the British producer, Anatole De Gruinwald, in the new company, said that they would make five additional films a year.

Asked where the money for the films was coming from, he said, "I cannot say. Let us put it down to international finance. I can say though that a large proportion is being found through American sources."

Commenting on the agreement, Mr. Stress said, "The producers believe that as a result of these arrangements, film production will at last be put on a firm financial basis, and that investment in these films will prove no greater risk than that of any normal commercial venture."

The first film will go on the floor at the beginning of 1950, and more than 12 subjects are now under consideration. The final programme will be announced shortly, and it was stated that this will reveal the name of top-ranking American and British stars, with whom negotiations were now proceeding.

Rank Not Involved

The announcement came a few hours after it had been reported that the British Government was expected to speed up its enquiry into the film industry following yesterday's statement by Mr. J. Arthur Rank that his company had lost £3,000,000 in film production and might have to cease making films next June.

The deal announced tonight is with World Screen Plays Limited, and United Artists will offer world-wide distribution through their organisation.

Mr. Arthur Rank told Reuter tonight that he was in no way connected with the new deal.

"I knew something of this kind was being attempted," he said, "but it has nothing to do with me or my organisation."

He declared that it would make no difference to his own plans for restricted production.—Reuter

**Film Czar's Loss
Worries Labour
Government**

London, November 8.

The British film industry's big financial loss, announced yesterday by the film czar, J. Arthur Rank, today furrowed the brows of many from top salary stars to Cabinet Ministers.

Political quarters forecast that the Government, viewing the crisis in terms of dollars, will speed up its investigation into ways of helping the industry following Mr. Rank's warning that he may eventually have to stop production.

But it is believed unlikely that there will be an increase in the £5,000,000 available to producers through the Government's Film Credits Corporation.

The dilemma facing the Government is this: If fewer British films—or none—are made, then cinema theatres will be unable to maintain the rigid quota system which forces them to screen 40 per cent British films in their programmes.

If the Government lowers or abolishes the quota, more Hollywood films may come into the country. And they cost dollars which the country cannot afford to pay.

The Government will not, it is believed, authorise any increase in the present \$17,000,000 annual "ceiling" amount which may be taken out of the country by Hollywood.

On the other hand, American producers might fight any suggestion of "freezing" their earnings here.

Another problem for the Government is to ensure that British films can be produced which will earn dollars in the American market.

Before tackling what will be its first full-scale investigation into all aspects of the film business, the Government will await the Board of Trade's reaction to the report of a special committee which has been studying distribution and exhibition. It will also have before it the findings of another specialised committee which has been probing the financial aspects of the industry.

The crisis has brought more personal heart-burning to the actors and technicians in the industry. Despite drastic pruning in recent months, 50 leading actors and actresses are still under contract to the Rank organisation.

Today, many are wondering what their future will be. Technicians, who have seen 2,000 of their number sacked in two years, are also anxious about how many will suffer when the axe falls again.—Reuter.

**PEER JOINS
LIBERALS**

London, November 8.

Lord Noel Burton, 32-year-old son of a former Labour Minister of Agriculture, has joined the Liberal Party.

His mother, Lady Lucy Edith Noel Burton, is a Labour Member of the House of Commons. He succeeds to the title in 1948 when his father died.—Reuter.

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**Hollywood
Fears Loss
Of Market**

Hollywood, November 8.
Hollywood distributors fear that J. Arthur Rank's film losses may lead to a cut in the number of American films shown in Britain.

At present the American industry is partly paid for films it distributes in Britain by dollars earned by Rank's prestige films which play to crowded houses in big American cities.

If he cuts down production of British films, as he threatens, the Americans' return on their films will be very largely blocked in Britain because dollars cannot be exchanged for pounds freely.—Reuter.

**MOTHER'S
PLEA FOR
SON**

London, November 8.

White-haired Mrs. Cosmatos, a Greek who had flown from Cairo to London, today appealed successfully in London court for mercy for her son, Roger, charged with theft.

He pleaded guilty to breaking into a friend's flat and stealing jewellery, cigars, soap, sweets and other articles valued at £50, and was discharged on condition that he did not commit any offence for a year.

Mrs. Cosmatos told the Court that her husband was gravely ill and that she was prepared to take her son back to Cairo and find him work there.

KARACHI DENIAL

Karachi, November 8.

Reports (not Reuter) that the Pakistan Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, has cancelled his visit to Moscow this winter or postponed it until next summer were officially denied here today.

A source close to the Prime Minister said that no definite date had ever been fixed for the visit. It was speculation to say that he should have left here on November 7.

"It is still possible that the Prime Minister may make the visit later this month or in December," the source added.—Reuter.

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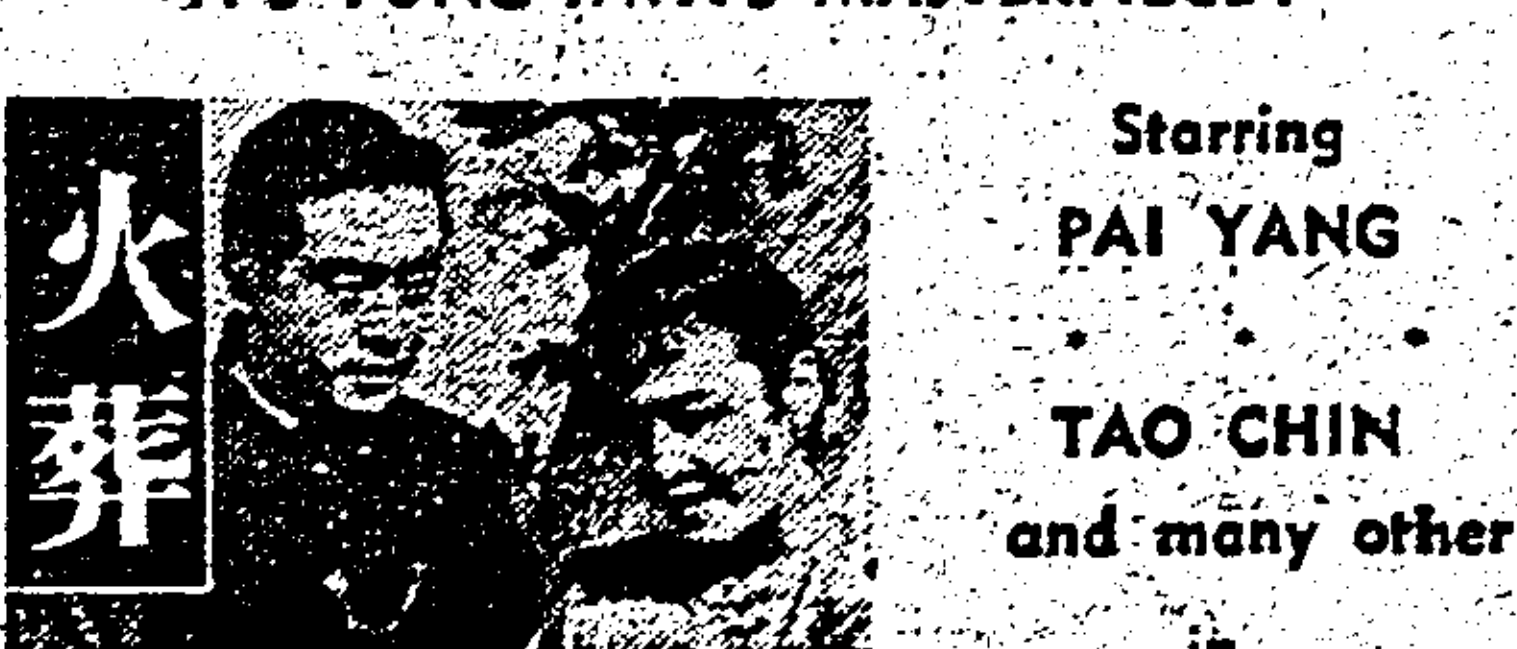
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Mr. & Mrs. Mista Reyes thank
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latives and Friends for their
kind sympathy and atten-
dance at the funeral of their
beloved son, Master Reyes
Junior, and also for the
floral tributes and the band
that played at the funeral.

EAST AND WEST

Pandit Nehru, having com-
pleted his tour of America,
has been having further con-
sultations with statesmen in
London. On both sides of the
Atlantic there was little in-
dication of the trend of his
high-level talks, but there
cannot be any doubt that they
were of great importance not
only to the Far East but to
the world at large.

One cannot help feeling
that the Indian premier would
have had his future inten-
tions more clearly defined had
he been able to travel through
Russia and the iron curtain
countries with as much free-
dom as he had in the West.

This is not to cast any slur on
the knowledge or understand-
ing of this great man. He had
ample theoretical information
about the United States, but
he wanted to go and see for
himself. From a different
point of view, he would in-
evitably find vast interest in
the Utopia of the proletariat.

Failing that, it is worth-
while to examine the impres-
sion he made on America.
Behind the invitation made
to him by President Truman
lay the State Department's
need to formulate a new
policy for Asia, in view of
the Nationalist collapse in China.
Long-range planners had re-
commended that the U.S.
should stop at nothing to
strengthen India, economi-
cally and politically, in order
to form a new anti-Communist
front. It was made known
that the country could have
almost any loan she re-
quired.

Mr. Nehru quickly dispelled
the ideas that his people
might play a militant part in
American plans for Asia.
"We rejoice that we do not
have the atom bomb," he said,
"and all we want is that we
should be left alone to solve
our own problem." He did,
however, win a remarkable
personal success. He gave no
impression of a cultivated
scholarly leader patronisingly
exploring a new, uncivilised
country, but at the same time
left Americans wondering if
their materialistic sense of
values had any real mean-
ing.

After his early official talks,
he was welcomed as a man
rather than as a representa-
tive of a great nation. His
humility, his modesty, his
quiet sense of humour, and
accessibility endeared him to
a people who hate starched
formality perhaps more than
any other characteristic.

They were mystified by
Nehru's adherence to many
of the ways of the East, in
the land of Western life at its
most advanced. Nevertheless,
his insistence on a Yogi ritual
of contemplation, every morn-
ing, and a period of prostrat-
ion after prayer, made a
strong impression.
Just what feelings the In-
dian premier now has about
the West will only be known

ASIA'S MOST ROMANTIC POLITICAL FIGURE

What living political leader
in Asia has had the most
romantic career? There are
several who could be can-
didate for this distinction.
General Chau Teh could put in
a very good claim. But sur-
ely not even he has had such
a strange history as the Indian
M. N. Roy.

Though Mr. Roy played an im-
portant part in the Chinese Re-
volution during the Hankow
period 20 years ago, he is sur-
prisingly little known outside In-
dia. He was born a Bengali
Brahmin. In 1914 he took part
in an unsuccessful rising against
the British, and fled from India
to Mexico. There he fought in
the civil war on the side of
Pancho Villa.

After the revolution in Russia,
he went to Moscow, and lived
there for nearly 10 years. He

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(Special Correspondent).

became a member of the Execu-
tive Committee of the Comintern.
Next he went with Borodin to
China. What part he played
there is not quite clear. Ap-
parently he was led on by Wan
Ching-wei to displace more of
the place of the Bolsheviks than
it was prudent to do. A little
later he returned to India, and
for a long period lived under-
ground. Eventually he was be-
trayed to the British and was im-
prisoned for six years.

Studies of History

During these years in jail, Roy
greatly extended his studies of
history. The man of action had
perforce acquired the leisure for

How Marshall Aid Works

By R. W. THOMPSON

Now that the countries of
Europe are fully embarked
upon the second year of Mar-
shall Aid it is fairly simple
to see just what the system
of finance inspired by the
United States Secretary of
State, George Marshall, is
and is not. It is also more
simple to understand what
has been achieved by this
method of aid, and what may
be achieved in the future.

First, it is fair to say that it
is mutual aid in the best sense of
the words, for there is no country,
including the United States, with-
out obvious benefit. Marshall
Aid is in fact the successor to
Lend-Lease which was described
as one of the most unselfish
acts in history.

Marshall Aid might be equally
well described as one of the most
enlightened acts of self-interest
in history. Marshall Aid is a gift
and it is a loan: 75 per cent
gift and 25 per cent loan. It is
essentially a vital transfusion of
raw materials, goods and credits
throughout the whole war-
stricken body of Europe, care-
fully devised to serve the best
interests of each country in
relation to each other country,
and supplied from the best sources
available.

And because of the intelligence
and the far-sightedness with
which Marshall Aid has been, and
is being, applied it has already
served to knit the 19 participat-
ing countries into a closer union
than might have been thought
possible even two years ago.

At the end of World War II the
old Europe lay in ruins. Agricul-
ture, industry, and homes alike
were devastated, and it was clear
that no single nation could rise
again simply by its own unaided
effort, and in isolation. But mean-
while the United States and
Canada, had become vast work-
shops and producers, and had
increased their output in a way
that would have been unthinkable
and unattainable before the war,
and in more normal times.

Expanding World Prosperity

The question facing America
was how to use and dispose of
this tremendous growth of pro-
duction to those in need, and
without the means of paying for
it in goods or gold or money.
For it was clear that even
America with her vast accumu-
lation of wealth, could not sur-
vive in an economic vacuum. She
needed to build up the nations
who are her partners in the ven-
ture of expanding world pros-
perity.

In the end, after a period of
loans and gifts which might be
called "First Aid," there came the
inspiration of Marshall Aid. The
goods and credits to be made
available were and are carefully
planned by the Economic Co-
operation Administration in con-
sultation with each of the Mar-
shall Aid countries separately.

As time goes on. It is difficult
for the ordinary European to
assess the mind of such a man,
steeped in the learning and
mysticism of his own
ancient culture. He doubtless
admired the technical effi-
ciency and energy of Amer-
ica, but it is another matter
whether he considered that the
1949 version of Western
capitalism would be useful
even as a partial model for
Asia. He has his own ideas
of what the newly-independ-
ent countries of this region
should have—the develop-
ment of their own indigenous
cultures and economies, with
financial aid but little inter-
ference from the outside.

Pandit Nehru's trip has
however, at least laid the
basis for a closer liaison with
the peoples opposed to totali-
tarianism. In the present
state of world affairs this is
a slight but very definite
gain.

Coffee And Buns At The Old Vic

By CECIL WILSON

Emma Cons. Does the name
mean anything to you? Per-
haps not, but to the theatre it
means the international fame
of the Old Vic, of Olivier,
Richardson, Gielgud, and the
other stars who first shone at
that shabby old theatre in the
unfashionable Waterloo Road.

Emma Cons cannot have
dreamed what a tradition she
was creating when she turned
Waterloo's Coburg Theatre into
the Royal Victoria Coffee Music
Hall ("coffee" to show how re-
spectable it was) in 1889 to lure
the drunkards and sinners from
the gin palaces and the "pro-
menades."

Light, wholesome entertain-
ment with coffee and buns—that
was her policy. She had a pru-
dish horror of the average music
hall show. She engaged only the
cleanest talent. Nightly (as legend
says) she sat in the wings ready
to drop the old roller curtain on
the head of any offending com-
edian.

So began what the public was
eventually to christen the Old
Vic. Today Harcourt Williams,
who produced Shakespeare there
for four years, tells its story
simply and critically with affec-
tion but without gush, in "Old
Vic Saga."

It is the story not so much of
Emma Cons but of the place she
put in at 24 as a 21-2-week man-
ager—a music and dancing
teacher from South Africa named
Lillian Baylis.
She came to Britain in 1895 to
convalesce. She stayed to run the
Old Vic right up to her death in
1927. By all accounts, she was
not an immediately lovable
woman. She had a blunt ap-
proach, a South African accent
which many took for Cockney,
weak spectacled eyes, a crooked
mouth, and a thicket build.

According to various reports
she was an ignorant, vain, and
selfish brute, a devil, a tyrant,
and a great, courageous woman
with a divine inspiration.
But there was something about
her—there was something about
the driving force of her personality
that made producers like Ben
Greet, Matheson Lang, Robert
Atkins, and Tyrone Guthrie and
stars like Olivier, Gielgud, the
Travislakes, and Loughlin proud
to work under her banner.

reading and reflection. From
this time dates the strong in-
dividual independence of judg-
ment and action which has since
then marked his career. His
views changed, or rather evolved.
He broke away from the Com-
munist cult of force.

After his release from prison,
he at first joined the Congress
party, then seceded from it and
formed a new organisation called
the Radical Democratic Party.
This stood for a synthesis of
extreme socialism with the
liberal, humanitarian tradition of
Western Europe in its purest
form. He was as socialist as
ever, but he had discovered the
worth of individualism. He tried
to combine the two.

Disappointing

The party had a disappointing
history in India. It ran the most
interesting propaganda magazines
in the country. But it followed
unpopular lines. It supported
the British Government during
the war—and during this period,
to meet the deficit in its accounts,
it unwisely accepted a small sub-
sidy for its publications from the
Government of India. This kill-
ed it in the eyes of Indian patriots.

The party won some influence
by organising trade unions, but it
never counted for anything in the
struggle for power in India. Two
years ago Mr. Roy dissolved it
and converted it into a "move-
ment." He despaired of capturing
power as a politician. Instead he
is trying, by propaganda, to per-
meate the thought of the next
generation. Though at the mo-
ment his influence is small, it
would be rash to say that his
persistence will not in the end
earn a large dividend.

Mr. Roy has recently published
in India a bulky book called "The
Russian Revolution." Most of
this book was written some years
ago. It is astonishing what pro-
phetic vision Mr. Roy had. Much
of what he foretold has come to
pass.

Key Ideas

Mr. Roy's key ideas can be
summed up shortly. He argues
that the basic fact of our period
is that the socialist or Commu-
nist revolution occurred first in
Russia, the most backward coun-
try in Europe, and not, as it had
been expected by Marx, in the
countries which were economi-
cally the most advanced.

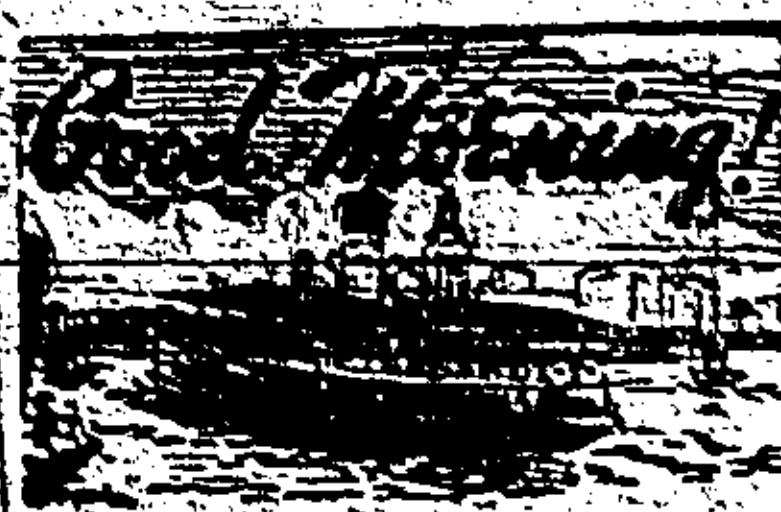
A country cannot change its
nature overnight, even by revolu-
tion. Russia had a very long
tradition of tyrannical govern-
ment. Communist Russia was
therefore tyrannical. Because
the revolution occurred only in
Russia, it fell upon Russia to lead
the cause of revolution in Eu-
rope but because the system of
government in Russia was back-
ward and tyrannical, Russia was
incompetent to play this part
properly.

Mr. Roy says "The Russian
proletariat, when it captured
power, was not qualified to be
the leader of the proletarian
world revolution. Lenin himself
knew it. He always said that as
soon as the revolution was suc-
cessful in a West European coun-
try, Russia would recede to the
background."

Very soon after the end of the
recent war Mr. Roy forecast sur-
prisingly accurately what would
happen in Europe. He pro-
phesied that Russia, drunk with
victory, would try to spread its
power and the revolution over
all Europe. But it would refuse
to come to terms with the liberal
and democratic tradition in the
West. So, after the initial period,
the resistance against it in the
West would stiffen, and Russia
would fail.

Europe's Future

About the future in Europe Mr.
Roy is reassuringly optimistic.
He thinks that there is a good
chance of war being avoided be-
tween Russia and the West. He
thinks that, if social democracy



"Prison swarmed," said refer-
day's headline.
The bees in the keepers' bon-
nets probably got out of hand.

According to one contemporary,
"Professor Soddy, who holds the
Nobel prize for his work in uni-
fied physics, said in an inter-
view last week that world weath-
er conditions may be disturbed
by atomic gases."

Another example of the cloud-
ed crystal ball.

So China's tiger painter is
divorcing his four wives. His
action was probably due to a
feline of quadruplication.

Crucify to talpans.
"When telephone directors be-
come obsolete, they are usually
gathered and sold to waste-paper
companies for conversion into
pulp and the manufacture of new
paper. They are torn into
two lengthwise, then chopped in-
to small bits in a powerful ma-
chine."

"The four young men carried
old-fashioned nose-glasses of red
caranations outlined by finks and
wore coronets of the same flowers
in their hair."

How too, too divine!

A correspondent says he would
be glad to take to dinner, serving
rice of his own choosing, the
local experts who say everything
on the market is fit for human
consumption.

Miss Robinson was not as young
as she used to be, but she wasn't
without hope. Even the fortune
teller couldn't see a suitor in
the offing, but he didn't want to
disappoint a client.

"I see a tall man," he said, his
eyes on the crystal. "I see a tall man.
He is going to propose to you."

"Dark!" flattered the excited
client.

"Yes," said the fortune teller.

"Dark. It will have to be."

VIP's present, probably.

"At 7.30 the orchestra will
give a sacred concert."

"English teachers preferably
British required on grammar
composition."

Looks pretty urgent, too.

"Today I drove a new Ameri-
can car that does not have any
gears. This car makes the left
foot obsolete. There is no clutch
pedal."

By the time they've abolished
the brakes, we're going to have
a hard time getting in and out.

Myrtle and a friend were dis-
cussing a mutual acquaintance.
"I believe she is a great gossip,"
remarked the visitor.

"Yes," said Myrtle. "She has
a keen sense of rumour."

More respectable, though.

"The young couple went to
school together in Shanghai, and
their marriage will stop a ro-
mance begun between them
there."

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tain and West Europe, the
leadership in social change in the
West will gradually pass out of
Russian hands.

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Sydney Thinks U.S. Is Trying To Delay Pact QUESTION OF BASES

Sydney, November 8.

The Australian Government discounts prospects of an early Japanese peace treaty conference, the United Press learned authoritatively today, because it believes that the United States wants at present to delay the treaty.

The informant said the United States had made it clear unofficially that it does not wish to withdraw its troops from Japan.

No concrete proposals have yet been presented to Canberra for general peace talks although it was learned that Australia is being kept fully informed of the discussions in Washington and London.

OFFENSIVE IN TONKIN AUGMENTED

Saigon, November 8. With Chinese Communist troops driving relentlessly towards the Vietnam frontier, the French military authorities are intensifying their offensive against the Communist-controlled Viet-minh forces.

They want to strengthen control of the Chinese frontier and clear the rich Tonkin delta.

After last month's combined operation in the Phat Diem area, 60 miles South East of Hanoi, the French are now understood to be planning another further North between the Annamese mountains and the mouth of the Red River.

According to military strategists, they hope to force back Viet-minh bands towards the Annamese mountains and Tonkinese heights which are poor in rice and where they could be easily contained.

It was stated at the headquarters of General Marcel Carpentier, commanding the French forces in the Far East, that penetration continues according to plan.

According to the latest French communications the evacuation of posts in the mountainous region of North Tonkin, planned in August to enable French troops to concentrate in the delta and on the frontier, is now almost completed and reinforcements have arrived.

The Viet-minh consider this strategic move a great victory for themselves.

The French military authorities are aware that it will make possible infiltrations of Communist arms and men from China, but they are confident that these can only be on a very small scale.

Meanwhile, Viet-minh guerrillas are concentrating their efforts on the frontier in the North East. Frequent attacks on French posts have been reported and they have succeeded in cutting the road between Langson and Tien Yen, on the coast.

Some military observers believe that the Viet-minh are waiting for the arrival of Chinese Communists at the frontier to launch an attack on Hue or Toraue in Annam.—Reuter.

A well-placed informant said Mr. Clement Attlee, British Prime Minister, and Premier Joseph Chifley of Australia within recent weeks canvassed the situation in a lengthy telephone conversation.

Australia favours an early treaty. A reliable source said Australia probably will favour post-treaty American military bases in Japan but there are indications that opinion would be divided in Government circles and the Australian Labour Party.

Recently a key Government official told the United Press that he desired early withdrawal of American troops and opposed the maintenance of bases on the Japanese homeland. He said, however, he would approve bases in Okinawa from which Japan could be "screened."

He believed the United States is making Japan over vulnerable to the left by encouraging reactionary elements. Japan needed a more liberal government against Communism, he said.

The Australian Government, it is learned authoritatively, will approve the two-thirds majority under democratic procedure but desires Russian participation. It also believes that ratification of the treaty by all the countries concerned would give Russia in effect a veto.

Potsdam Basis

The official Australian view is that the Potsdam and Cairo pacts should provide the basis of Japanese treaty negotiations. Although Australia was not a party to those conferences it would not countenance their repudiation in the peace treaty.

Patrick Shaw, British Commonwealth representative to the Allied Council, was not available but would not comment anyway. The Labour Governments of New Zealand and Australia are at present pre-occupied by the elections on November 30 and December 10, respectively.

The Australian Press interprets the recent replacement of Mr. Shaw by Lieutenant-Colonel W. Roy Hodgson, former Ambassador to France, as a move to give more forthright expression of Australia's views on the occupation. He is considered one of Australia's most outspoken diplomats.

In Tokyo, high American sources believe General Douglas MacArthur's occupation regime still will be the supreme authority in Japan one year from now despite the active preparation of peace treaty drafts in the Western Allied capitals.

Most advanced timetable of events foreseen by officials in Tokyo places the end of American occupation authority in the winter of 1950-51, the United Press learned today.

Russia And China

It is held in Tokyo that extensive and time-consuming efforts to bring Russia and China into the peace conference will be

made by the United States, British and Australian Governments before the irrevocable plunge of separate peace is taken. "No one—the United States or Britain or Russia, or Japan—has vital interests to gain from a peace that leaves Japan at war with its two big Communist neighbours in Asia," a prominent American said.

"Before Japan is placed in that position, top level policy decisions by the Western allies will have to be made and any joint agreement referred to Russia and possibly to a recognised new government of China."

Here is a timetable for ending the occupation that emerges from talks with officials and private observers:

1. Completion of treaty drafts by the Western Allies around January 1.

2. Governmental exchange of views during the next three months on the wisdom of forging a separate peace, assuming that Russia and China will continue to demand veto privileges in the conference.

3. A preliminary conference of the nine Pacific "Western" Allies for co-ordination of treaty views in the early spring.

Formal Conference

4. A final proposal to Russia (and to Communist China if it has received diplomatic recognition by them) to join a veto-free conference. This is certain to be rejected, all sources agree, if for no other reason than that Russia is determined not to be a party to a treaty that authorises American retention of military bases in Japan.

5. Convening of a formal peace conference, probably outside Japan, in the summer of 1950 to write the peace terms. These terms will fix the transfer of internal and external powers from SCAP to the Japanese Government over a period of about six months, it is believed.

Accompanying this transfer will be the reduction, elimination and withdrawal of Occupation Headquarters functions and personnel; and the shifting of U.S. military and naval units permitted by the treaty or a separate agreement to leased bases in Japan.

Many occupation job holders will have sailed for home by this time next year but the consensus in Tokyo seems to be that General MacArthur or his successor still will be shuttling from the American Embassy to the Dai Ichi Building 13 to 14 months from now.

Many factors could delay this timetable even further. Strong Japanese opposition to a separate peace, already being voiced mildly by the Socialist and Communist Parties and by several influential Japanese newspapers, could postpone the Anglo-American decision indefinitely.

New East-West tensions in Europe once again could make Japanese and Far Eastern problems take secondary position in the Western Allies' strategy.—United Press.

U.S. WARPLANES FOR CHINESE NATIONALISTS

Washington, November 8

The U.S. State Department said today it has given the Chinese Nationalist Government permission to buy 11 surplus American B-25 bombers for use against the Chinese Communists.

The Press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, told a news conference that export licences were issued last February.

Clash On Persian Frontier

Tehran, November 8.

Two Persian soldiers were killed and several injured when Russian soldiers attacked a Persian frontier post last Saturday, an official source disclosed today.

Unconfirmed reports said that three Russian soldiers were killed.

Shots were exchanged for seven hours at Baghem-Sara, North of the Caspian Sea port of Astara.

Both sides brought up reinforcements, the official source said.

The Soviet soldiers suddenly withdrew, the source added.—Reuter.

CANBERRA TALKS LOGICAL

Washington, November 8.

A State Department spokesman said today that the calling of the Canberra conference on the Japanese peace treaty was a "logical development" at this stage when the United States was also working on its position regarding Japan.

The Australian External Affairs Minister, Dr. H. V. Evatt, announced today that he had invited Britain and New Zealand to confer in Canberra this week to "push on with a peace treaty for Japan."

The spokesman said that there had been no exchange of information on the subject with other members of the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission.

The United States had been anxious to conclude a treaty for the past two years.

The delay was generally attributed to Russia's insistence that the treaty should be negotiated between the "Big Five" Powers—Russia, Britain, the United States, France and China—a stand which the Western Powers have strongly resisted.

The fact that the United States is now working on the stand it will take on the peace treaty has led to speculation as to whether a treaty conference will be called, if need be, without Russia.

This belief gains further support from the calling of the Canberra conference of British Commonwealth countries.—Reuter.

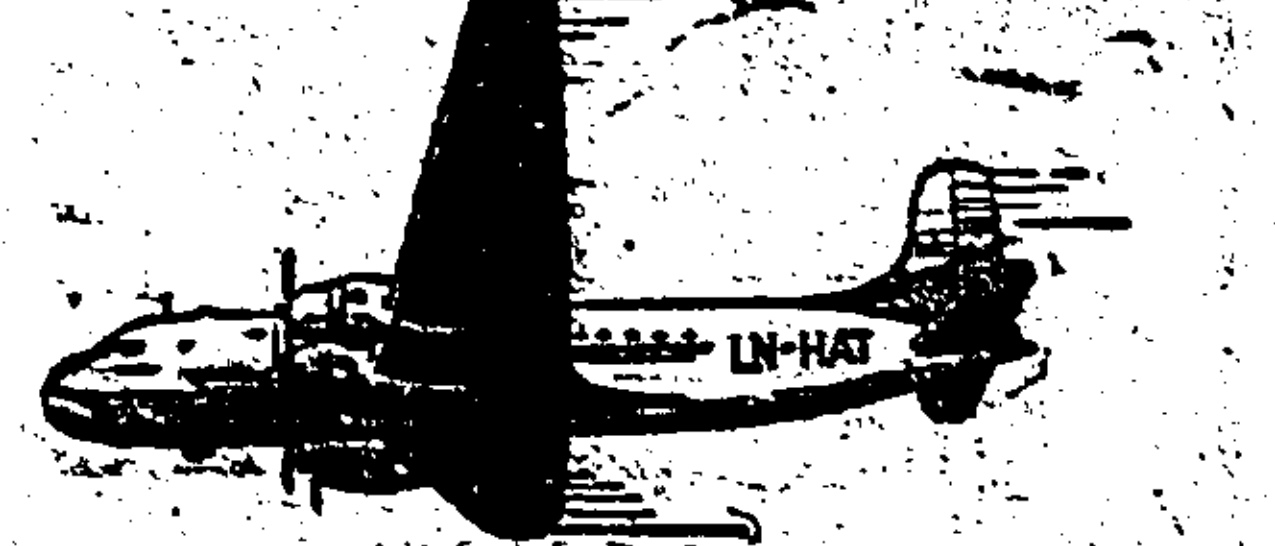
MANSTEIN TRIAL

Hamburg, November 8.

Counsel defending Field Marshal Erich Von Manstein in his war crimes trial here called a week of rumours tonight by announcing that documents of "great military and political importance" had been read at secret sessions of the British Military Court yesterday and today.

No "sensational evidence" was given, Counsel added. He denied rumours that Mr. Winston Churchill and Field Marshal Montgomery had given evidence.—Reuter.

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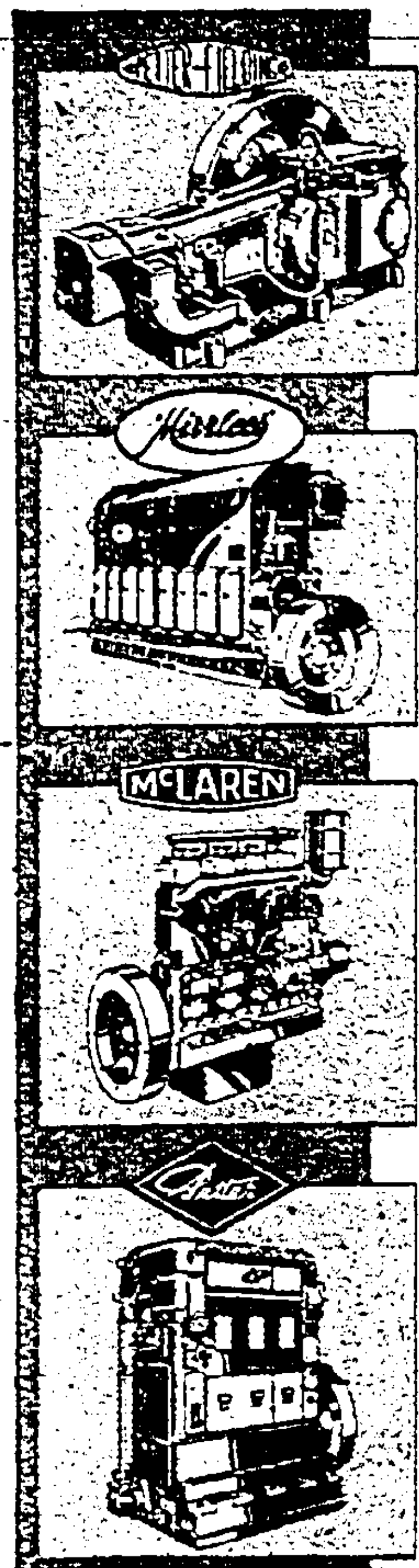
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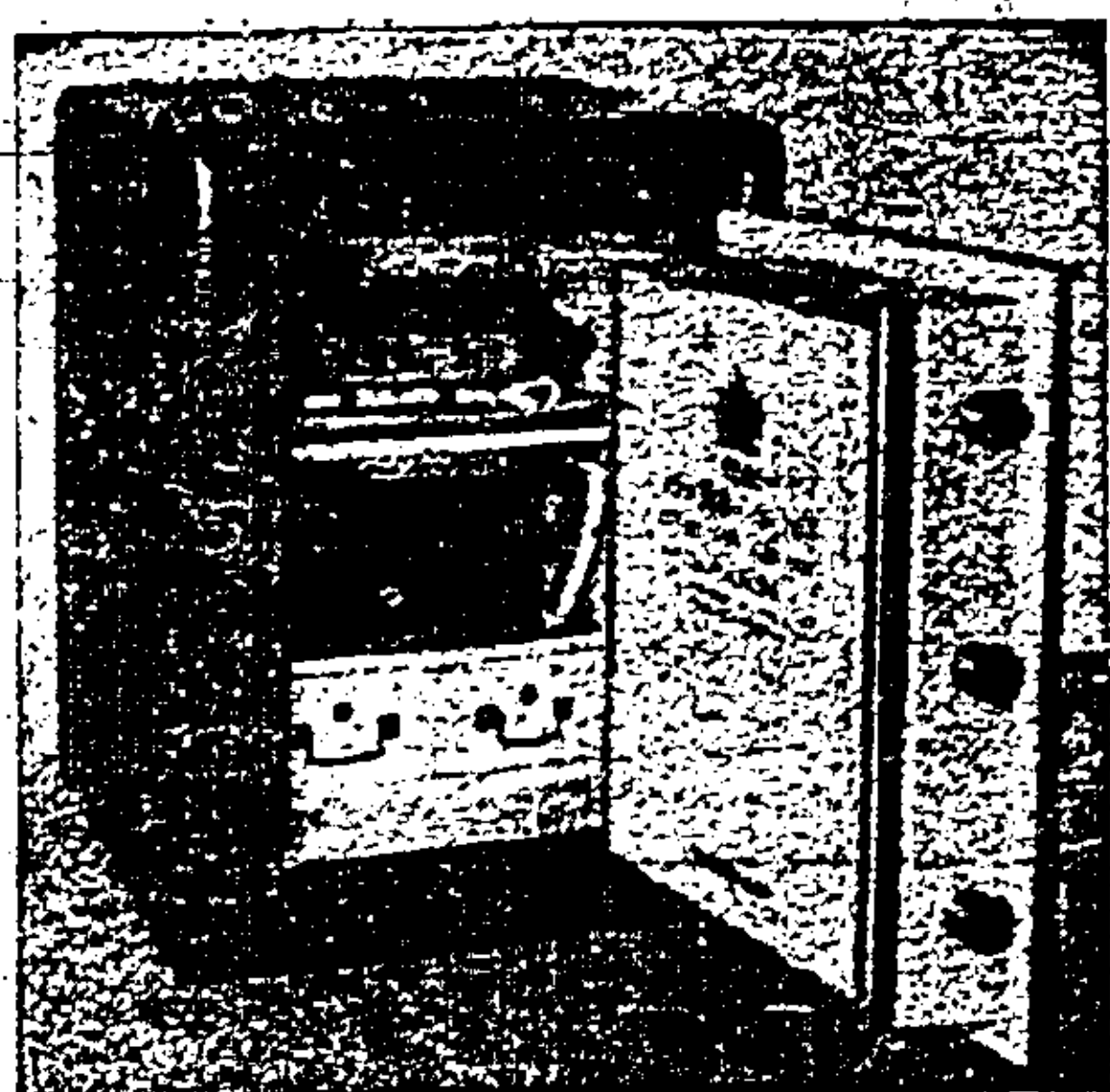
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ENGINEERING PAGE

ENGINEERING PROGRESS OF DAIRY MACHINERY

By A. THOMAS GILLING

Milk production in Britain has increased by leaps and bounds over the past nine years. It has been accomplished with less land available for cattle grazing than ever before, for the need in World War II to produce ever-increasing quantities of wheat and other cereals has continued into the post-war years and has made it necessary to plough up more land in the United Kingdom than at any time within living memory.

This has been possible only by making the utmost use of machinery in all aspects of dairy farming.

First, the all-important task of milking cows is being done by machine at an unprecedented rate. Milking machines in use increased by 8,000 in the United Kingdom between January, 1946 and January, 1948, and the rate of increase is being maintained.

Secondly, housing has been "mechanised"—or in other words, has been better planned for more convenient and economical milk production. The biggest single cost in milk production is that of labour—so the more suitably a dairy is designed for best use of available labour, the greater the saving.

Such planning is not confined merely to extracting milk from the herd; it also includes such matters as making the disposal of manure from shed or yard to a field as easy and rapid possible.

Thirdly, home fodder production has been speeded up by the use of every suitable machine known.

Reliable Milking Machines

Milking machines made in Britain and exported to all overseas countries are among the most reliable pieces of mechanism engineers have ever devised. They have to be, for cows have to be milked at least twice a day in places far from engineering or repair shops.

Types produced in the United Kingdom embody the best of British, American, and Continental practice, and have been proved over years. Some which were installed more than a quarter of a century ago are still giving good service.

During the years, however, great improvements have been incorporated and the use of stainless steel and aluminium, and improved pulsator and pump mechanism make modern machines remarkably trouble-free. Installations on farms in Britain range from huge plants milking several hundred cows, to popular types dealing with fewer than 10 cows—and some models have even been made for milking goats!

Most striking, perhaps, in recent years has been the advance of the portable unit for either shed or field use.

The ball or outdoor-machine milking system was introduced in Britain by Mr. Arthur Hosier (Hosier Inventions Ltd., Wexcombe, Marlborough, Wiltshire, England) and has spread everywhere where cows are milked mechanically.

His experiments on the open spaces of Salisbury Plain where treeless fields, up to a square mile in area and at several hundred feet in altitude, convinced him that the only answer to milk production under conditions duplicated in many overseas countries—was to take the machine to the dairy herd.

He did so most successfully. Portable milking machines complete with engines to provide power and generate electricity

some time ahead. Predictions of the best frequencies or wave-lengths to use for communication and broadcasting are compiled six months in advance and issued to the Post Office, Cable and Wireless, the BBC, and many other authorities in Britain and overseas.

The BBC, for example, uses these forecasts to decide when the frequency of an overseas transmission should be changed to get the best reception in the country aimed at, and ships and aircraft know in advance what frequency band to use for the best communication.

The automatic Ionospheric Recorder was shown at "Radio-lympia"—Britain's National Radio Exhibition at Olympia, London—this month.

Automatic Ionospheric Recorder

Every hour of every day, stations all over the world transmit radio waves to the ionosphere and record the echoes back to the earth's surface.

The information obtained makes certain that broadcasting stations, ships and aircraft use the frequency bands giving the best reception at the right times. In the same way as a mirror reflects light, the ionosphere, high above the earth's surface, reflects radio waves and makes long distance short wave radio possible.

If the ionosphere did not exist, the waves from a transmitter would fly off into space and the listener in, for example, the Union of South Africa or Australia would not be able to hear the British Broadcasting Corporation.

There are two main layers in the ionosphere. One, the Heaviside layer, is about 60 miles high; the other may vary in height from about 150-300 miles. Both occur chiefly because of the ionisation of the upper atmosphere by ultraviolet radiation from the sun, and the amount of ionisation will therefore vary with the time of day, the season, the position over the earth's surface, and with the sunspot cycle of about 11 years.

All these variations affect the ionosphere's ability to reflect the radio waves, and they have to be taken into account when deciding what frequency should be used for short wave broadcasting.

At Slough, England, the Radio Research Station has been carrying out experiments for the past 25 years to discover as much as possible about the behaviour of the ionosphere.

Important Apparatus

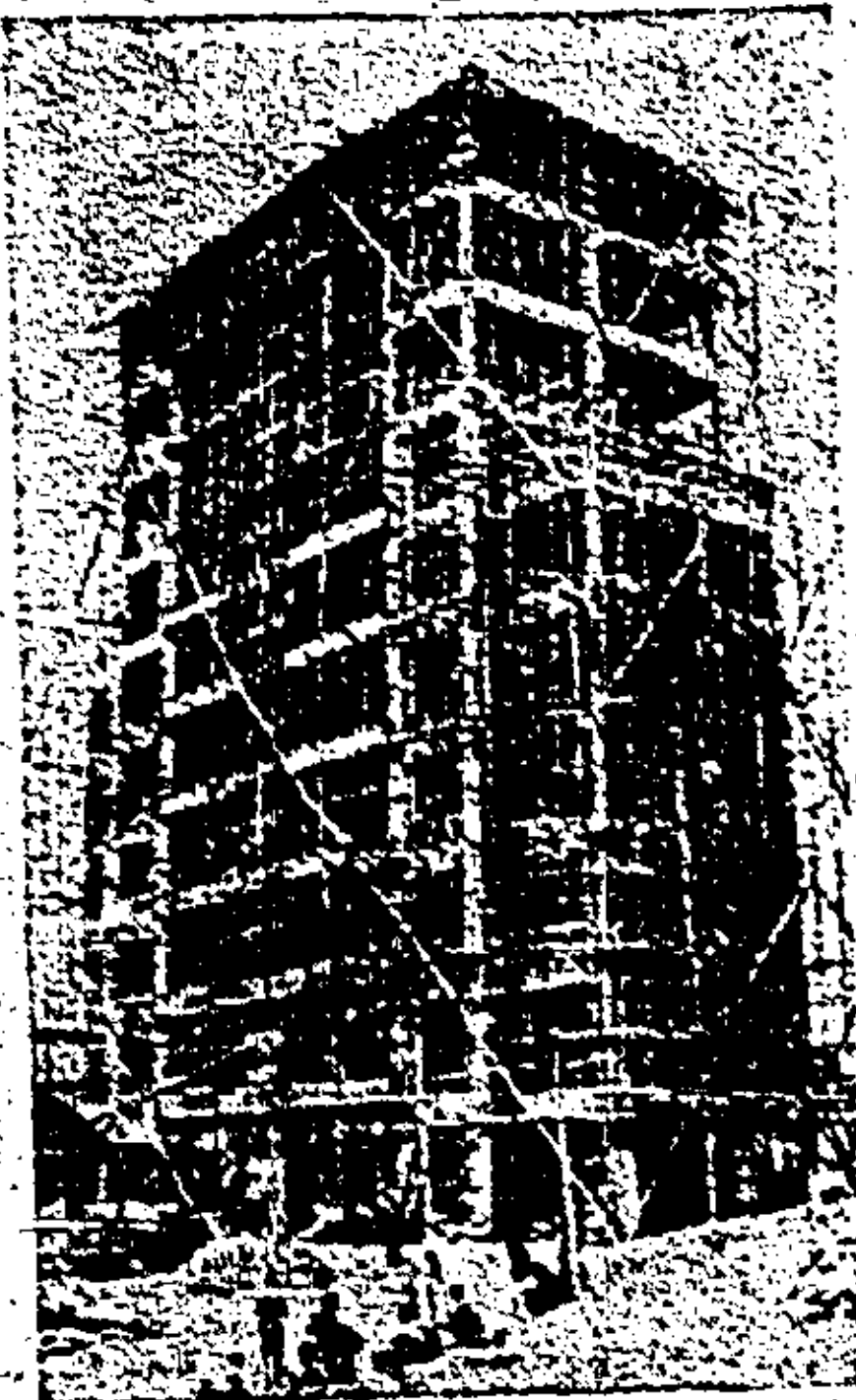
An important piece of apparatus used for this purpose is the Automatic Ionosphere Recorder. It consists of a transmitter and a receiver, constantly in tune with each other. Radio waves sent out by the transmitters, sweeping through a frequency band of 0.55 Mc/s to 25 Mc/s (corresponding to wave-lengths of 12 to 550 metres) in a few minutes, are echoed back by the ionosphere. The echoes are displayed by the receiver on a cathode ray tube, and photographed.

From the photograph the heights of the layers and their density can be determined. These photographs are obtained every hour at Slough, the other stations of Britain's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in Scotland, the Falkland Islands and Singapore, and about 50 other similar stations all over the world. The results of such measurements are exchanged.

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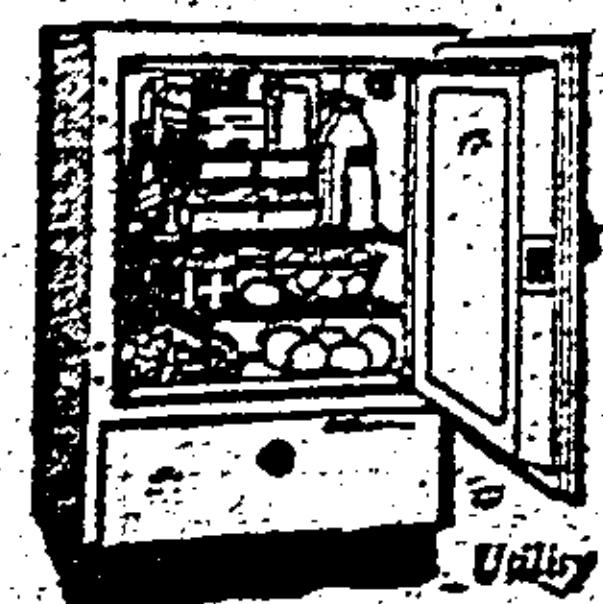
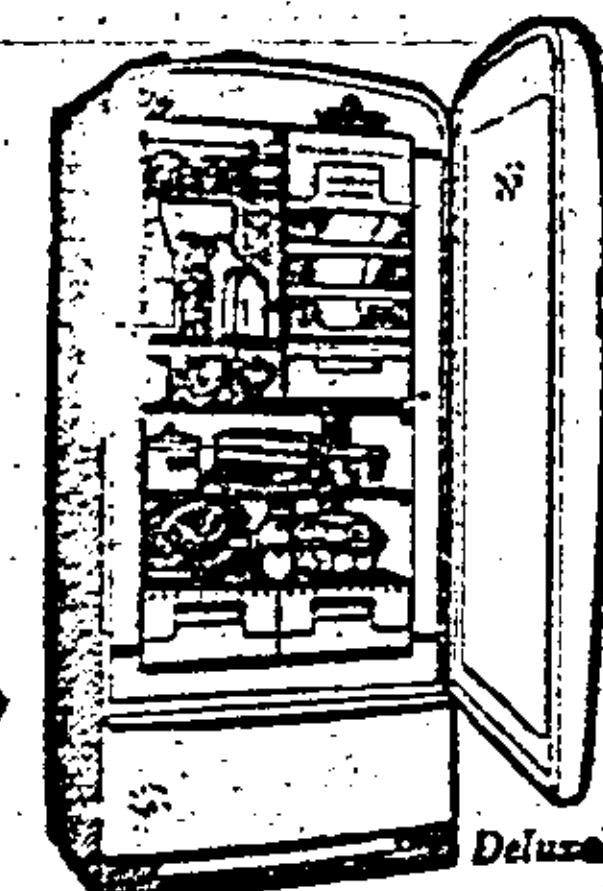
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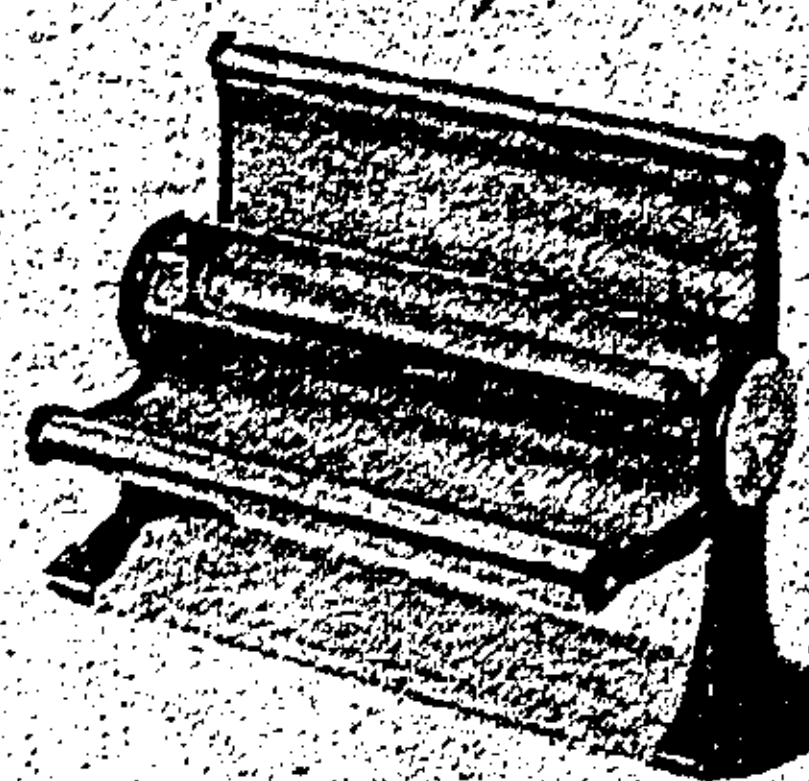
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TUC EXPERTS BACK THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY

HOTELS OUT OF DATE

London, November 8. European hotelkeepers who want dollar tourists must bring their hotels up to the American standards of comfort and cleanliness, Colonel Theodore Pozzy, tourist representative of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, said here today.

"Most of the European hotel system," he said, "was built before 1900, and was then well in advance of the times. But conditions have changed and many establishments are not readily adaptable to the needs of 1950."

Colonel Pozzy was addressing the third Congress of the International Hotel Association, attended by 750 delegates from 26 countries.

"American visitors expect to find a standard of cleanliness and comfort in hotels roughly comparable to what they are accustomed at home," he said.

The European Recovery Programme for 1952 called for \$500,000,000 to be spent in Europe by American tourists. To achieve it would require resolution.

"The key to the future lies in the cultivation of the middle income market of America," Colonel Pozzy said.

"The day of the gay millionaire and the de luxe suite has pretty well gone," he said. "It was essential that the tastes of this middle class income group be studied, because 'the great bulk of the potential tourist business in the United States has still to be exploited.'"—Reuter.

POUND SLUMPS

Brussels, November 8. The pound today plunged on the Brussels black market to 120 Belgian francs—20 below the official rate.

Immediately after the devaluation of the pound, the "black" rate was slightly higher than the official rate of 140. Last week it had fallen to 130.—Reuter.



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London, November 8. British trade union economic experts decided today, after seven weeks of anxious discussion, to recommend full support of the Labour Government's "greater production at less cost" economic policy.

The special Economic Committee of the 8,000,000-strong Trades Union Congress ended a meeting here with an announcement that it had reached broad and general conclusions which the full General Council will be recommended to adopt as official TUC policy at a special meeting tomorrow.

The nature of the recommendations was kept secret but usually well-informed quarters forecast that a two-point policy will emerge from tomorrow's General Council meeting.

These two points are:

(1) Trade unions must continue with even greater effort to keep demands for higher wages under restraint.

(2) Trade unions must back a big new effort to raise production. Essentially, this is "the same mixture as before, in stiffer doses."

A Compromise

For the last 18 months the TUC has been committed to restraint in wage demands and co-operation in increasing productivity.

Since devaluation of Sterling seven weeks ago the TUC special Economic Committee has examined a number of more revolutionary policies, including a proposal that there should be a complete standstill on all but the lowest incomes and another that there should be a national minimum wage.

With more than half the membership of the TUC committed to claims for higher wages, leaders proved unprepared to make the concessions necessary to introduce such policies.

The "broad and general conclusions" which have resulted from their discussions represent a compromise.

Cripps' Appeal

Doubts have been widely expressed whether they will prove adequate to achieve the degree of wage stability considered essential to the success of the Government's programme.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, is expected to address a conference of trades union leaders soon, and another of industrialists, to reiterate the need for co-operation in the national interest.

London, November 8.

It is understood that a visit to the Czechoslovak Embassy by the TUC General Secretary, Mr. Vincent Tewson, and his Assistant, Mr. George Woodcock, was to discuss such a conference.—Reuter.

Czechs Release U.S. Diplomat

Prague, November 8.

Samuel Meryn of the U.S. Embassy was released by the Czechoslovak Government today from the prison where he was held for nearly three weeks on charges of heading a spy ring. Mr. Meryn immediately left Czechoslovakia.

His release did not mean any decrease in the Government's effort to eliminate alleged spy networks. Thirty-two more Czechoslovaks have been arrested on spy charges, the Government announced tonight.

They include two former members of Parliament accused of being in league with "a Western imperialist power" in Germany. Presumably, this meant the United States.

A third member of Parliament, alleged head of the ring, was declared still at liberty in Western Germany. He was identified as Dr. Michal Zibrin.

The two former deputies arrested were Karel Polta and Jan Bendik. All three deputies are former members of the outlawed Slovak Democratic Party. The announcement accused them of bribing Czech refugees in German camps with American cigarettes to spy.

A Government broadcast said Mr. Meryn was released in response to his request for a "pardon." It added he had been given three days to get out of the country. The U.S. Embassy said he left immediately with his wife, an Austrian citizen.

Mr. Meryn, a clerk in the U.S. Military Attache's office, was released shortly after the new U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Ellis O. Briggs, presented his credentials to President Clement Gottwald.

Mr. Briggs reminded Mr. Gottwald that the Czechoslovak Republic was founded in the U.S. during the first world war by the late Presidents Thomas G. Masaryk and Eduard Benes.

Mr. Briggs said American blood was mingled forever with the soil of Czechoslovakia in the liberation of the country from the Germans in 1945. Mr. Briggs said the U.S. has a "daily, continuing and sympathetic interest" in the people of Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Meryn was arrested last month. Two other members of the U.S. Legation were deported. The U.S. said the charges were "trumped up" and in reprisal ordered two Czechoslovaks recalled from the U.S. Subsequently Czechoslovakia kicked out two French diplomats and arrested a third on charges of trying to get information about Czechoslovak uranium mining.—Associated Press.

Nearly Million Refugees Being Fed By UN

Lake Success, November 8.

Nearly 950,000 Palestine Arab refugees are now being fed by the United Nations.

This was announced by Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary General of the United Nations, in a report today on the activities of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees (UNRPR) from December 1, 1948, to September 3, 1949.

Despite their hardships the refugees' general health is satisfactory, he said.

No great epidemics had broken out, and there was no high death rate. But there is widespread malnutrition among children, the Secretary-General reported. In the Gaza area particularly, most of the children are underweight.

He expressed fear that malnutrition might increase because the present diet, consisting mainly of flour, is short of proteins, iron and vitamins.

Operating costs for the seven months ended on June 30 amounted to \$15,880,158. Of this, \$4,865,321 was spent by local governments on services and direct aid.

Big Problem

When the UNRPR began operations, many of the refugees camps were without sanitation, said Mr. Lie. Since then \$143,000 had been provided for sanitation and water supplies.

The big problem was the "extreme reluctance" of the refugees to volunteer for scavenging and camp maintenance. Another was the shortage of hospital beds, of which there were only 853 in August.

Emergency surgery, however, could be done within reach of nearly all the camps.

Originally, the budget estimated the number to be fed at 500,000 with 2,000 calories a day for each refugee. By the end of April, the refugees tallied over 1,000,000.

The ration basis was fixed for 940,000 and the calory rate was reduced to 1,600. This was later increased to 1,650.

Shelter for the refugees last winter was completely inadequate, said the report. "Many people were living in caves, huts or even in the open air."

Tents are sheltering about 220,000 refugees, but many more are needed for the coming winter, Mr. Lie said.

Dealing with clothing, he said: "It is becoming more important each month that funds should be provided for this purpose. The

refugees' clothing is becoming so worn that it can no longer be repaired."

Education relief is making good progress, he added. Serious gaps in the feeding programme had been prevented by the purchase of practically all the food supplies in the Middle East countries.

Mr. Lie said that the United Nations was deeply grateful to the Red Cross and American Friends Service Committee. These co-operating agencies had accomplished a tremendous humanitarian achievement in the face of great difficulties and financial uncertainty.—Reuter.

Princess Elizabeth Safe Driver

London, November 8.

At least one woman driver was given the "O.K." by a critical male today. The driver was Princess Elizabeth—but her car was stationary.

The verdict of "a very careful driver" was pronounced by a chief instructor, Mr. H. Holdom, after the Princess had "driven" a static trainer car for 15 minutes at a road safety exhibition.—Reuter.

KASHMIR DISPUTE APPEAL

New York, November 8.

Settlement of Kashmir's future "according to the will of its people" was urged in a speech made here by Mr. Khwaja Sarwar Hasan, member of the Pakistan United Nations delegation, to the Institute of Pacific Relations last night.

It is essential that the future of Kashmir be settled according to the will of its people, otherwise there will be no peace in an area of vital strategic importance," he said.

Mr. Hasan said that the dispute with India over Kashmir was the most outstanding dispute between the two countries. He declared that Kashmir was inhabited by Pakistanis.

"They are united to us by religion, culture, and a common way of life," he said.

He added that before the dispute was taken to the Security Council by India, and even afterwards, Pakistan had contended that the people of the territory alone had the right to decide their future, and this could only be done, and should be done, by a fair and impartial plebiscite.

"If such a plebiscite is held and the people decide to join India, Pakistan will regard the matter as settled. But Pakistan will not acquiesce in the territory being held by any Power without the will of the people having been expressed in its favour by means of an independently organised and genuinely free plebiscite," Mr. Hasan said.

He added that Pakistan did not aim at a self-sufficient economy. "But by means of barter, or payment in money, which she can command because of her exports, she can get anything she needs for national purposes," he said.

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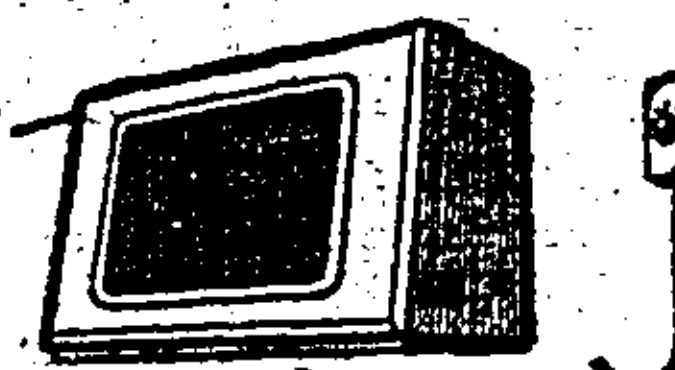
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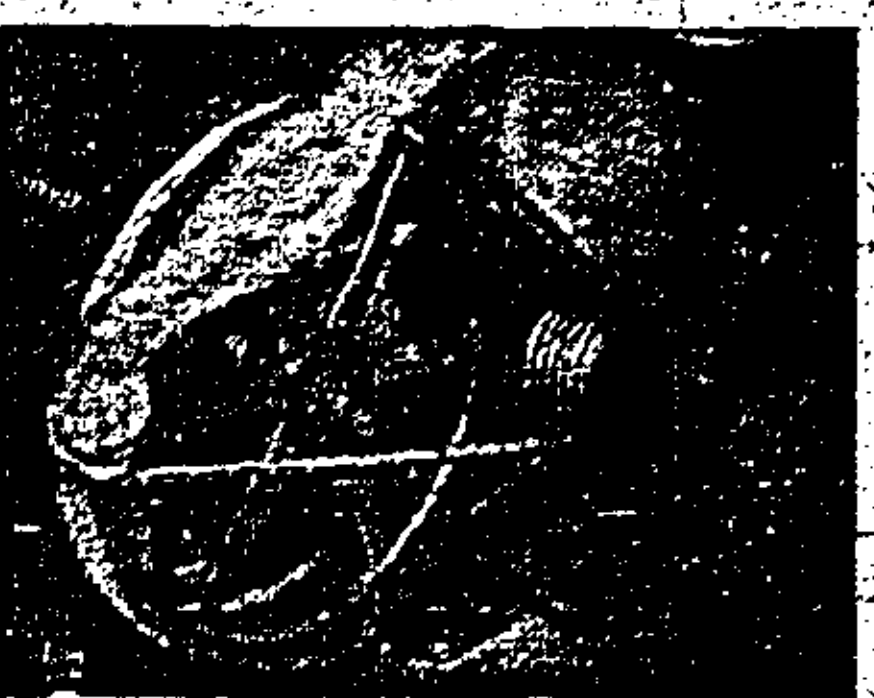
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Britons Drinking More Tea

London, November 8. Britons, notorious for drinking tea, are consuming even more, according to figures released today by the International Tea Committee.

In the first eight months of this year, Britain consumed 127,000 tons against 117,940 during the same period last year. The British receive a weekly ration of five grammes of tea for each person—enough to make about 20 cups of tea, but in addition tea is liberally provided for consumption by the public in cafes and canteens without tickets.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND ISRAEL

Tel Aviv, November 8. Anglo-Israeli relations have somewhat improved lately, Mr. David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister, told the Knesseth (Israeli Parliament) today.

Financial negotiations between the two countries had not been concluded, mainly "because of our stand on principle," he said. He was referring to Israel's refusal arising out of the liquidation of the British Government's properties in Palestine to consider itself the successor to the Mandatory Government.

Mr. Ben Gurion said that Israel maintained friendly relations with India and had reached an agreement with "the most advanced country in the Middle East—Turkey—regarding an exchange of diplomatic representatives."

Stressing the friendship between Israel and the United States on the one hand and Russia on the other, he said that the Government had requested Russia to supply Israel with certain goods on credit.

The Premier said that Jews of most countries were allowed to emigrate to Israel except from Hungary, with which "we have had serious difficulties on the subject."

Mr. Ben Gurion said: "We will never give up our link with Jerusalem." He added that the Government was pleased that "circles in the United Nations now realise more and more that the plan for the internationalisation of Jerusalem, and especially of the New City, is not able to be implemented."—Reuter.

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EXPERTS DISCUSS NEW ATOMIC CONTROL PLAN

Lake Success, November 8.

The atomic experts of the Big Five powers and Canada resumed their secret conferences today.

They had an appeal before them from the United Nations General Assembly President, Carlos Romulo, to try a new approach to the problem of international nuclear control.

There was no immediate report from the locked conference room, where the experts met a few hours before the Assembly's special Political Committee was to go into its second session on the atomic control problem, with China and Poland listed as the day's principal speakers.

Although General Romulo refused to discuss it, well-placed informants said his letter of last week, proposing a "truce" in the production of atomic weapons, is still under consideration by the governments, from whom no official reply had been received.

General Romulo is reported to have told the big five and Canada that peaceful use of atomic energy is so small that control of atomic weapons should be relatively

easier than diplomats had expected.

It is said to have made the point as a new approach to the problem of atomic control. That was said to be the heart of his recently disclosed plan for an atomic solution in the UN.

Simpler Method

Under the original plan, offered by Mr. Bernard M. Baruch three years ago and approved by a majority of the United Nations, provision was made for an elaborate international agency to operate all atomic facilities throughout the world.

This was one of the main stumbling blocks which led to the deadlock between Russia and the Western powers.

General Romulo's idea apparently is that a much simpler organisation could control

whatever atomic energy is developed for peaceful purposes.

The key point in General Romulo's plan for an atomic solution became known as the special political Committee of the UN Assembly resumed debate on the atomic issue, Poland and China are listed to speak.

The American delegation was reported authoritatively to be cool toward the whole plan put forward by General Romulo.

Armistice Plan

General Romulo was said to have proposed an armistice under which every country would agree to stop making atomic bombs and open its territory to international inspection.

He also was reported to have called on the UN Atomic Commission to redouble its efforts to find a permanent control plan. Informants quoted here said that General Romulo apparently wanted the big powers to take another look at the whole point of control. This would involve how many inspectors are needed, how far they would go, what they would do, and how much actual fissionable material would be under inspection.—United Press and Associated Press.

DREAD WARNING TO UK

London, November 8. Britons got a chilling warning today that the possibility of poison gas might be used in another war may have been increased because it was not employed in the second world war.

The Home Office said that a potential enemy, gambling on finding the British off guard, might unleash clouds of deadly vapours over English cities.

The details were listed in a new chemical warfare training manual for use by Britain's permanent Civil Defence Corps.

Among other things, the booklet told of a new "nerve gas" in liquid form which could cause death after convulsions. This gas makes gas masks useless, penetrating the clothing and the skin.

It is practically odourless and the first indication a victim has that he is stricken comes with fading vision, running nose and constriction of the chest.—Associated Press.

Cardinal Gandolfo, November 8. Pope Pius today received in private audience, Monsignor Alfredo Paredini, Secretary of the Apostolic delegation of the Philippines.—United Press.

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Washington, November 8.

The Chief of General Douglas MacArthur's Anti-trust and Cartels Division believes Japan can achieve full economic recovery on the basis of unrestricted private competition.

"There is no conflict between economic recovery and freedom of enterprise and democracy," said Mr. Edward Welsh, of the SCAP Trust Bureau.

BRITISH TALKS WITH PORTUGAL

London, November 8.

Authoritative sources here believe that Anglo-Portuguese trade and financial talks, due to begin in Lisbon today, may be suspended by mutual consent after a few days.

British officials would prefer to wait to see further effects of currency devaluation before signing new trade agreements with any country, these sources believe.

This policy would apply particularly to these countries which, like Portugal, have not fully followed Britain on devaluation. The British position is anxious to discuss the present situation with Portuguese officials but after clarification on both sides would prefer to wait before signing any agreement.

The following three points are mentioned as the main ones which the British team wants to talk over in detail: (1) The effects of devaluation on trade between Portugal and Britain.

(2) How both countries could increase their mutual trade in essential commodities.

(3) Individual, less essential commodities in which two-way trade could be stepped up. If the talks are suspended after a short while, this should not be regarded as any form of breakdown, these sources said. It would simply mean that the Portuguese had agreed with the British view that it would be better to wait a short while.

Reuter.

"It is understandable that the Japanese are trying to re-establish pre-war trade controls associations for both domestic and foreign commerce as they are steeped in centuries of these practices. They do not yet understand that freedom of enterprise along democratic lines is their own salvation."

Mr. Welsh is credited with being a prime mover in the dissolution of the Mitsubishi and Mitsui trading associations and other monopolistic Japanese commercial combines.

He is beginning two weeks or more of conferences with U.S. Army, State and Commerce Department officials, the Federal Trade Commission, Far Eastern Commission and Justice Department officials.

Imperative Move

He hopes these talks will lead to further U.S. notice to Japan that the U.S. considers it imperative that private enterprise and democratic principles be further developed in Japan. Mr. Welsh said the Yoshida Government is trying to amend trade association control laws to reopen the way for monopolies, both domestic and foreign. He hopes the U.S. Government will remind Japan that such efforts are contrary to the objectives of the American occupation of Japan.—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, November 8. Every British Government bond listed on the London Stock Exchange lost at least half a point today.

The selling wave cut the £100 bonds down as much as 1/8 point. Treasury 2 1/2 touched a record low of £65 1/2.

Proceeds of the bond sales apparently were going into gold mining and dollar shares which were firm all along the line. General Motors jumped 6 1/2 points to 153.

Big loser on the Government list was British Gas. These bonds, issued to pay former owners of the nationalised gas industry, were down 1 1/8 points to £84 5/8.

Financial Times' Index: 100.6, off 3.—Associated Press.

SOVIET MISSION IN PAKISTAN

Karachi, November 8.

The head of the Russian trade delegation and his three assistants have gone to Moscow for urgent consultations and probably will not return to Pakistan. Members of the delegation who remained here are no longer guests of the Pakistan Government.

The trade negotiations are not expected to be broken off but will continue by mail.—United Press.

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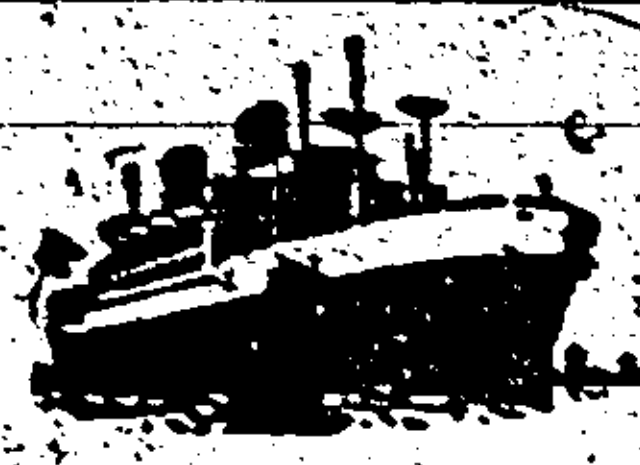
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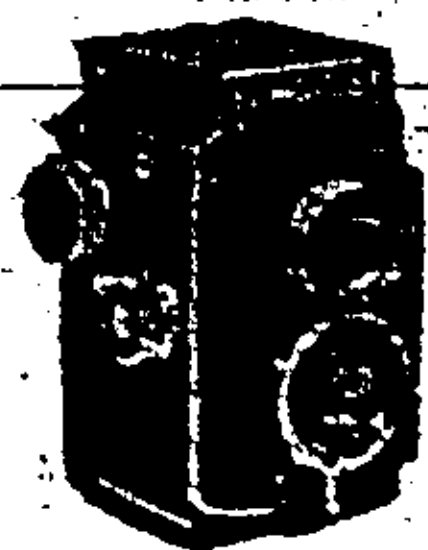
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COMMANDOS LOSE TO COMBINED CHINESE

The First Round game in the Memorial Cup Soccer Competition between Combined Chinese and the Commandos, which was played on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay yesterday, ended in a win for the Chinese by three goals to one.

Results Of Golf Competitions

Results of Competitions played at Fanling during last week-end were as follows:

Mr. R. R. Coombs qualified for the Captain's Cup with a net score of 72 on the Old Course. There was not a single card returned for the Captain's Cup on the New Course and only one card returned for the Bogy Pool on this course.

The winner was Col. J. S. MacFarlane who returned a card of three down.

The same competitor won the Bogy pool on the Old Course with a return of 1 up. Mr. A. E. Lissaman, Mr. R. E. Lee and Mr. F. K. Wallace tied for 2nd place but the second prize pool goes to Mr. A. E. Lissaman who had the best last nine holes in which he was three up.

Competitors are earnestly requested to mark their cards correctly in Bogy and other competitions. Three quarters of the handicap is taken in Bogy competitions and a mark should be made on the card to denote at which holes strokes are given.

Members are reminded that the match between St. George's Society and St. Andrews Society takes place on Sunday, November 20.

Those wishing to play are requested to append their names on the list at Fanling or advise the Club office, 233 Prince's Bldg. (Tel. 32340).

Badminton Results

The Hong Kong Badminton Association officially opened its League Season last night when four matches in the "B" Division Mixed Doubles were played off.

In the "A" Section, Chinese YMCA scored a great win over Kowloon Club by five sets to four after an exciting struggle. Shanghaianders, making their debut in local competition, scored a smashing win over St. John's by six sets to three.

In the "B" Section, Hong Kong University showed their superiority in no uncertain manner when they easily accounted for the Victoria Recreation Club by eight sets to one. In the remaining game, Chung Wah beat St. Teresa's six sets to three.

The game was played at a fast pace throughout and spectators were kept at a high pitch of excitement as the Commandos, playing as if men inspired, almost ran the Chinese off their feet.

On the run of the play, the Commandos were definitely unlucky to lose, as they enjoyed as much, if not more, of the play than their opponents who, however, made the best use of the three opportunities which came their way.

The Commandos were, in a sense, given a very raw deal by the referee, who through apparent ignorance of the Rules of the Memorial Cup Competition, handled the game as if it were an ordinary League game, with 35 minutes each way instead of 45 minutes.

An extra 20 minutes might have made a lot of difference in the final result of the game, as the Chinese, playing only 70 minutes, were feeling the effects of the pace set up by the Commandos and rapidly tiring.

This is not the first time that a 90-minute game has been played 70 minutes and it is to be hoped that in future, the Hong Kong Football Association will take steps to ensure that a referee appointed to any important game is fully aware as to the length of time such a game is to be played.

Reverting to the game, it must be said that the display given by Locker, the Commando goalkeeper, proved most conclusively that he is the best goalkeeper in the Colony at the moment. His brilliant positioning, keen anticipation and safe handling of a slippery ball thwarted many attempts of the Chinese to score: the shots which went past him would have beaten the best of goalkeepers.

The Commando defence, which is usually shaky, played a grand, spoiling game and never allowed the Chinese forwards much time to settle down.

The Commando forward line, ably led by Watson, tried hard from start to finish. Had they shown a little more steadiness when in possession, the Commandos might very well have won the match.

The absence of Highton was particularly noticeable and even the most ardent Chinese supporter frankly admitted that if this brilliant player was in the Commando forward line yesterday, the Chinese would have lost.

The Chinese did not give an altogether impressive display in defence. The Kam-tung, occupying the pivotal position, played his usual cool and methodical game, while of the forwards, Lai Shiu-wing was undoubtedly the best.

Locker was prominent on several occasions as he dealt deftly with powerful drives by the Chinese forwards, who must have been terribly disappointed to see their shots, which would have beaten any other goalkeeper, safely held by Locker.

The Commandos forced the Chinese into giving away three corners in succession but were unable to turn these to advantage.

Lee Chan-fat almost put the Chinese further ahead when he broke through the Commando defence, but his parting effort was saved in grand style by Locker.

Although the Commandos continued on the offensive, they could not score and the final whistle came with them still fighting gamely.

Commandos: Locker, Wheatley, Lewens (Captain), Lovell, Hunt, Saggars, Davies, Beadle, Watson, Mays and Shergold.
Combined Chinese: Yu Kai-yun, Lee Ping-nam, Tam Chun-fai, Lee Ping-chiu, Tse Kam-tung, Fung Kwan-sing, Yu Cheuk-yin, Lee Chun-fat, Lo Wah-sing, Lai Shiu-wing, Tam Woon-cheung.

HKFC SOCCER TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent the Club 1st XI in their soccer match against RAF on Saturday, November 12, at Sookunpoo Ground, kick off 4.30 p.m.

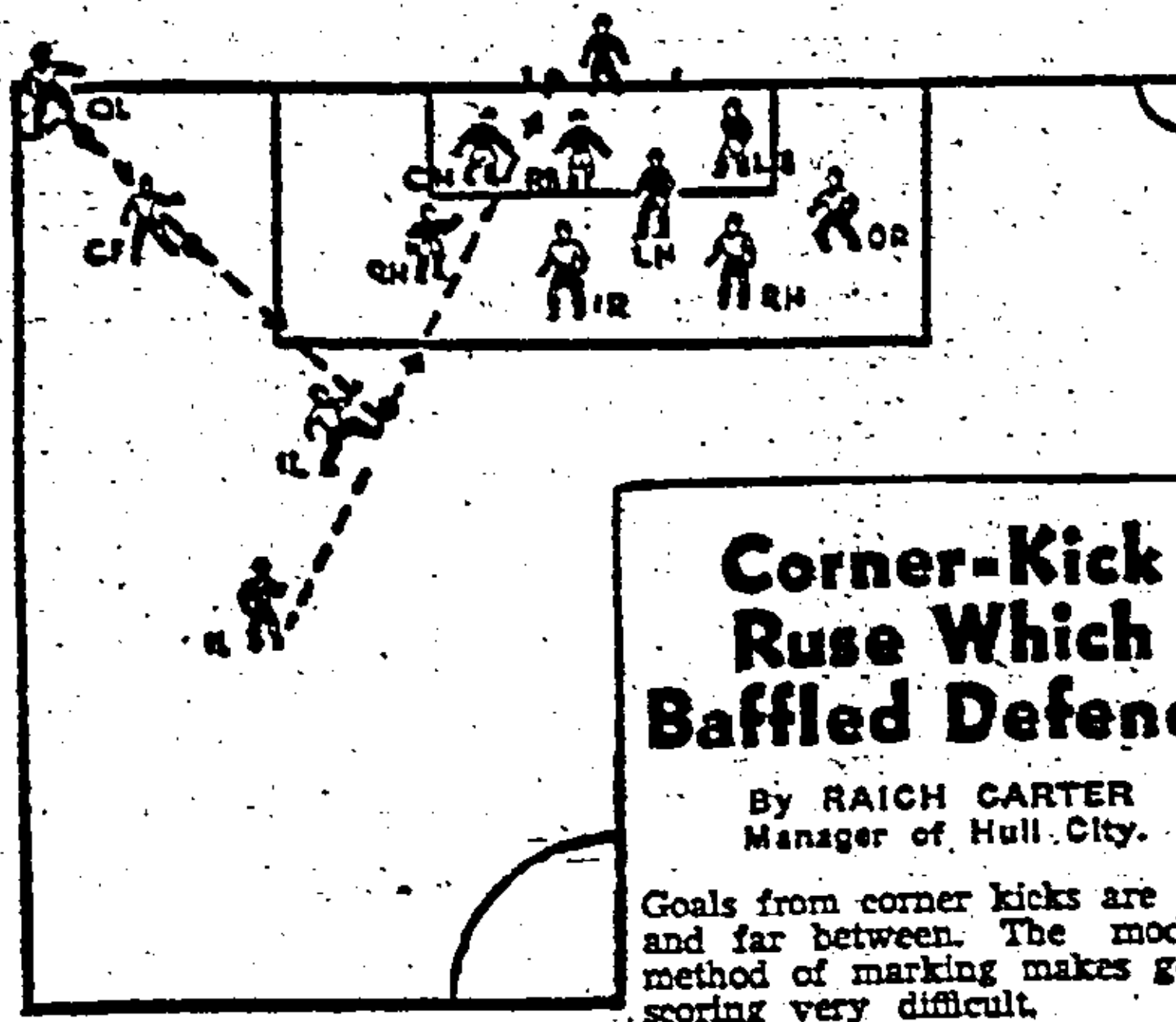
Brown, Roberts, Barber, Gledhill, Riley, Strange, Barclay, Mullen, Hardwick, Baker, Main. Reserve: Neilson.

Players are requested to meet at the Club House Happy Valley at least half an hour before kicking off.

The following have been selected to represent the Club 2nd XI in the soccer match against the Army on Saturday, November 12, at Sookunpoo Ground, kick off 3 p.m.

Newman, Omsager, Sloan, Urquhart, Locke, Rogers, McKay, Widger, Partridge, Giddins, Barker. Reserve: Gibson, Stewart and Guthrie.

Players are requested to meet at the Club House Happy Valley at least half an hour before kicking off.



Corner-Kick Ruse Which Baffled Defence

By RAICH CARTER
Manager of Hull City.

Goals from corner kicks are few and far between. The modern method of marking makes goal-scoring very difficult.

There are, however, several moves which can lead to goals. Here is one which nearly worked in our game with Queen's Park Rangers last Saturday.

When a corner was being taken one of our players ran out to take a short pass before any of the defenders could follow him.

I was lying back very deep at the time, but started to run as soon as the first pass was made. I called for the ball and the pass was made so that it was at my feet when I arrived near the penalty area. No goal resulted, but it was worth trying. Unfortunately it is a ruse that could be used only once in a match. Defences are not easily caught napping twice in an afternoon.

Lawn Tennis Season Concluding

The local Tennis Season will be formally concluded on Saturday, November 12, when the Chinese Recreation Club and South China Athletic Association play off the deciding match for the Championship in the Mixed Doubles "A" Division.

The match, which will start at 3 p.m. sharp, will be played at the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association's Courts, Waterloo Road.

Messrs. George Lin, O. R. Sadick and G. A. Noronha will act as Umpires. On conclusion of the match, Lady Mankam Lo will distribute the Shields won by the different teams in the League.

The following are the standings of the respective Clubs in the different Divisions of the League:

"A" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"B" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	12	0	24
CRCC	12	0	24
HKCC	10	2	20
KCC	10	2	20
HKU	8	4	16
USBC	8	4	16

"C" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"D" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"E" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"F" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"G" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"H" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"I" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"J" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"K" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"L" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"M" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"N" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"O" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"P" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"Q" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"R" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

"S" DIVISION (Men)			
Club	W	L	Pts
SCAA	10	0	20
CRCC	10	0	20
HKCC	8	2	16
KCC	8	2	16
HKU	6	4	12
USBC	6	4	12

Norway Wins Carbine Event

Buenos Aires, November 8.

Norway, with 1,480 points, won the carbine event over 50 metres in a prone position in the world shooting championships which were continued here today.

Switzerland, with 1,474 points, were second, the United States, with 1,471 points, third, Finland, with 1,467 points, fourth, Sweden, with 1,466 points, fifth, Brazil, with 1,453 points, sixth, Argentina (1,448 points) and Uruguay (1,434 points) coming seventh and eighth respectively.

In the individual classification for this event, the Norwegians Skredegaard and Komsjorden tied for first place with 298 points each. Then came Arthur Jackson, of the United States, J. Jonsson, of Sweden, R. Guimaraes, of Brazil, J. Nordkist, of Finland, and J. Burchler, of Switzerland, each with 297 points.

The other members of the winning Norwegian team, Rosgerbert and Amundsen, scored 296 and 295, while Humes scored 295.

Five countries took part in the first round of the clay pigeon contest. Sweden scored 190 points, Argentina 189, Uruguay 177, Spain 171 and Brazil 161.

The best performance was that of J. Martini of Argentina, who scored a possible 50 in 50 shots.

H. Benner, of the United States, beat the world record for free-style pistol shooting at 50 metres with a score of 561.

Reuter.

RAF CRICKET TEAMS

The following will represent the Royal Air Force 1st XI v Hong Kong University in a 1st Division League match at Pokfulam on Saturday, November 12, 5 p.m. S/Ldr. Gall (Capt.), W/Cdr. Parham, F/Lt. Vaughan, F/Lt. Ball, F/O Gambrell, Sgt. Moorbill, Sgt. Dunn, AC West, AC Tyrer, P. 11 Cunningham, P. 11 Baker.

The following will represent the Royal Air Force 2nd XI v Club de Recreio in a 2nd Division League Cricket Match at Kai Tak on Saturday, November 12.

F/Lt. Holmes (Capt.), F/Lt. Marshall, W/O Scott, Sgt. Parks, Cpl. Hurst, F/Sgt. Blackburn, F/Sgt. Crellin, Sgt. Davenport, AC England, AC Follett, Cpl. Barnes.

KCC CRICKET TEAMS

The following are the Kowloon Cricket Club cricket teams for Saturday, November 12:

1st XI against Commandos at KCC, commencing at 1.45 p.m. sharp.

R. E. Lee, E. C. Fincher, W. H. Colledge, F. R. Kermani, J. Lerion, C. P. Smith, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, A. Segio, J. A. Bellon, N. Hart-Baker.

2nd XI against Commandos at Sookunpoo, commencing at 1.45 p.m. sharp.

C. J. Smith, V. C. Bond, A. T. Lee, D. G. White, D. Langston, Jones, E. Gust, V. C. Seymour, E. Randall, G. R. Roselett, J. Chubb, R. H. Mandy.

Catering For The Amateur In Sport

(By Raymond Glendenning)

Has the amateur had his day? Some people think so. I do not.

True, the soccer pro. snaps up all the headlines, and the boxer, for whom there is a big cheque after the fight, makes boxing news, but, luckily for British sport, the amateur is still alive, if not exactly flourishing.

Much depends, of course, on the particular branch of sport, for in one or two cases amateurs lead the way as in athletics.

"Never has enthusiasm in athletics been so high," Jack Crump, Britain's team manager, assured me. "But the amateur, who has his own place in the world of sport, must have better facilities for climbing to the top."

I could not agree more. His care should be the first charge on any available funds, not the comfort of the man on the bank.

After all, but for the youngster who goes in for sport, not for cash but for the love of the game, there would be no sport for the spectator to watch.

In football, for instance, even the richest club could afford to pay a boy, however promising, from the time he leaves school till he reaches League standard.

Keeping Youngsters Interested

Wise clubs, of course, are keeping the youngsters interested. Wolves, for instance, run ten sides every Saturday, and each boy, however young, is made to feel that he is attached to The Wanderers.

Chelsea is another club that looks after youth. There are plenty more.

Do not get the wrong idea. This isn't the grasping hand of professionalism scooping at all available talent.

Naturally any club able to develop youngsters of promise saves itself vast sums in the transfer market, but both Billy Birrell and Stan Cullis will tell you that there are many boys in their junior sides who will never want to be anything but amateurs.

Continent Sets Example

They are welcome just the same, and many a youngster is given the chance of carrying on with his hobby under better conditions than he could get otherwise.

The amateur in every sport must have better facilities. Time and again when I visit foreign countries I am staggered by what Switzerland, Sweden, France and Denmark offer to their youth.

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